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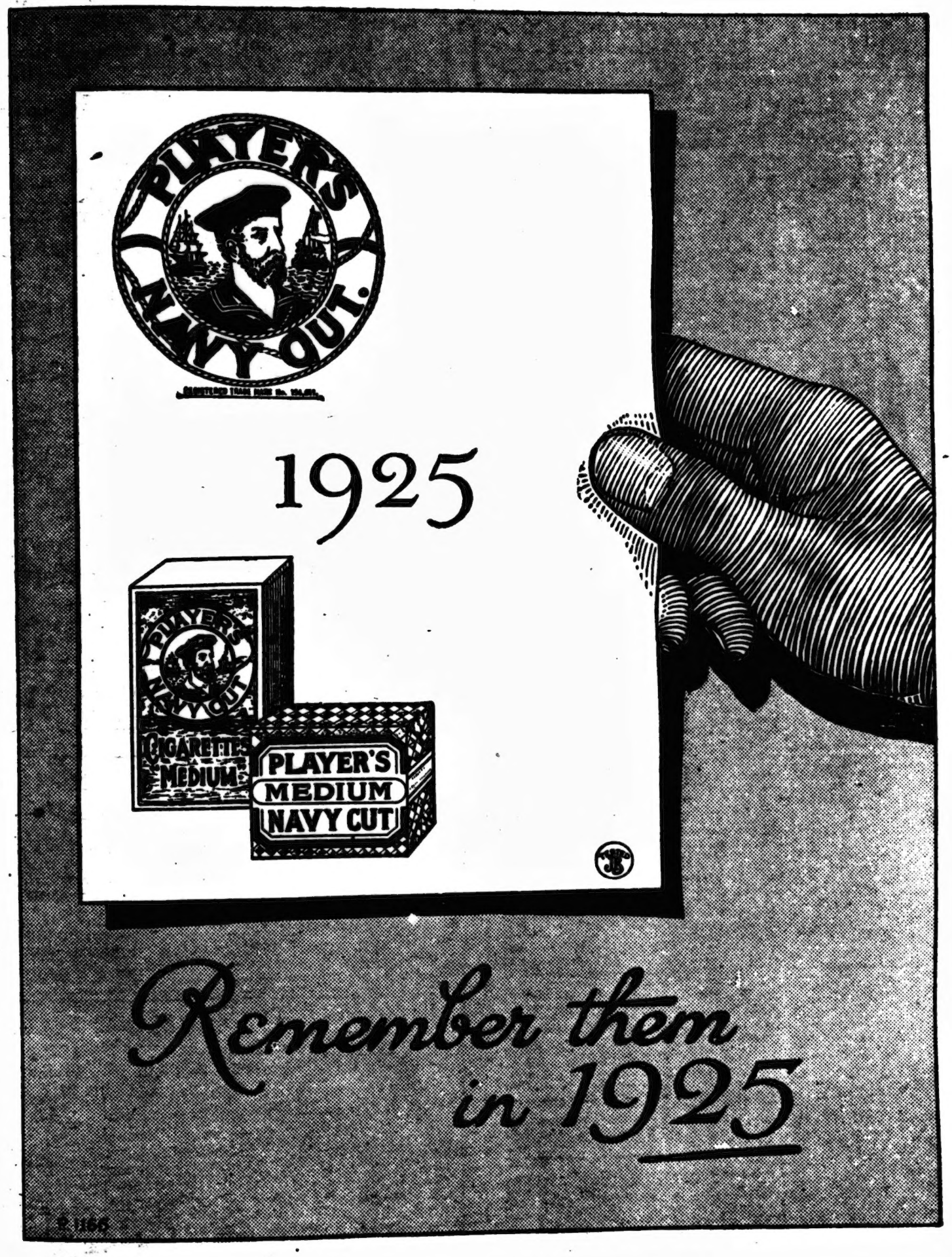
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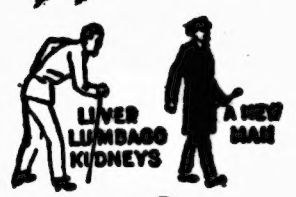

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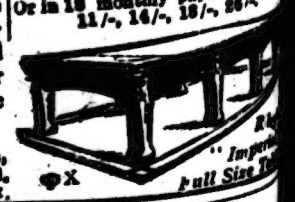

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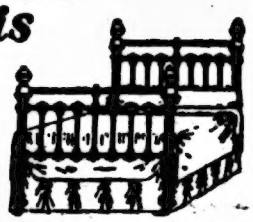

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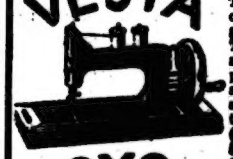

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litical Stocktaking.
The Liberal Party is making desperate efforts discover why it is dead and how it can be orn. If it faces facts it may yet succeed in king its dry bones live.

at May Be.
But the result will not be the Liberalism that dstone knew. There must emerge a new ty with a new policy, and a completely changed itude to post-war needs and conditions.

y Don't Know It.
o impartial observer can fail to see that the our Party, too, has played its part and died, ar as its present structure is concerned. It ow nothing but a collection of warring units.

vitable.
ooner or later there will emerge from the chaos w Party that will attract the moderate elements both Liberal and Labour camps. And it be a natural evolution.

Baldwin's Chance.
he fate of the Conservative Party hangs in balance. There, too, the old Conservatism ead. If Mr. Baldwin gives his young men a ce the Die-hards may yet see reason.

re Not Alone.
he *Statist* calls Mr. Baldwin's proposals measure of Protection which cannot by any ch of the imagination be deemed to further ope's trade recovery." Plain speaking with ngeance!

Allied Note.
hile the Allied Ambassadors chase straws, peoples of Europe see ahead the grim figure nother war. It is no use tackling European lems in the atmosphere of a parish council.

Values.
en more important than the number of rifles any may or may not have concealed is problem of how to ensure a preservation of eace of Europe. And we see little realisation among the purblind "statesmen" who hold ives in their hands.

The Key Move.
Nor do we see any determined effort being made to secure a simultaneous evacuation of both Cologne and the Ruhr. Yet to attempt to make peace in the atmosphere of war is a fool's game.

He Means Business.
Although the debt problem does not figure on the agenda of the conference of Finance Ministers, don't worry. Mr. Churchill has gone to Paris as Britain's debt collector.

Our Intolerable Burden.
It cannot be too often stated that while the war debts we owe—and are paying—amount to £1,000,000,000, the war debts we are owed—and are not being paid—amount to £2,000,000,000. No wonder the taxpayer is getting restive.

Cool!
America wants her share of the Reparations that may come from the Dawes Report. The Dawes Report is being worked under the Versailles Treaty. America is not a party to the Treaty. We offer no prize for the answer!

The Wrong Way.
The great Lloyd George land campaign, which we were the first to forecast, is in full swing. But the Welsh Wizard will not stage a successful "come-back" via the proposal to substitute the tyranny of purchase-money for the tyranny of monopoly.

A Lion in the Path.
So long as owners of vacant land pay no rates on the value of the land, it will be held up until monopoly prices are received. Thorough-going land taxes would go a long way towards solving the housing problem.

The Rising Storm.
To careful observers it is apparent that the colour question is going to play an ever-increasing part in world politics. We do not altogether like the signs of the times.

Advance Guards.
Our continual demands for more stringent action by the authorities against the dope fiends of Limehouse and the black pests of Tottenham Court Road are not made without knowledge of the facts. America's problem may soon be Europe's.

Look Out for Squalls.
The "Back to the union" campaign now being conducted by the miners has a deeper significance than appears on the surface. In July the present wages agreement expires, and the forces are being massed for battle.

Wet Blankets.
The Amalgamated Union of Building Workers do not like steel houses. But since they have proved quite unable to satisfy the demand for houses with the type they do like, we would suggest that their attitude is, to say the least, uncalled for.

Trade Boycotts.
The combinations that exist to keep up wholesale prices also fix retail prices, below which the tradesman dare not sell. This is a matter with which the law must deal if ever the cost of living is to become reasonable again.

Pure Food.
Sir Kingsley Wood promises Government legislation at an early date to improve and consolidate our existing food regulations. We trust the Bill will be drawn wide enough to catch every type of food poisoner and give him short shrift.

And There are Others.
Despite the last Budget tea is now, on the average, 6d. per pound dearer. This is nothing short of a crime against the community. Surely there is some way of punishing the guilty?

A Second Chance.
The abortive Opium Conference is about to reassemble. Perhaps in the interval the delegates have seen themselves in their futility as the world sees them. If they have, they will talk less and act more for the good name of civilisation.

The Doomed Dictator.
Mussolini, like all dictators, is tied fast to the chariot of his own despotism. Willy-nilly he must go from excess to excess. It is plain that the top-heavy structure he has reared is on the point of crashing to destruction.

The Fat Boy's Blether.
The British people, asserts the *Daily Mail*, have an intense admiration for Signor Mussolini. One can only assume that Lord Rothermere takes his ideas of the British people from Old Moore's Almanack!

Fixing Responsibility.
Following our Candid Communication to the Postmaster-General, we learn with satisfaction that there is to be an enquiry into the disgraceful chaos that overwhelmed the Christmas posts. And there must be no shelving of the report.

Worth Doing.
When Mr. Churchill returns from Paris we invite him to give his attention to a tax on betting. The Select Committee said it was "practicable." He could at one stroke enrich the revenue, sweep away a host of ridiculous anomalies and remove a constant source of petty blackmail.

Immediate Action Needed.
Mr. Forbes Lankester has our strong support when he protests against the practice of allowing young girls under remand to come into contact with old offenders. There is no surer way of making criminals.

Coming to Fruition.
Things move. A committee is to investigate the treatment of the juvenile criminal, and an international congress is to assemble in London to deal with prison reform. And in both we led the way.

Problems of Life.

The Mystery of Suffering

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THE article in a recent issue of JOHN BULL, by a hospital superintendent, on the tragedy of human life, asks the old, old question why God, if there be a God, allows so much misery and sorrow in His world.

The writer of the article says that neither science nor religion has any real answer.

I suggest on the contrary that both science and religion supply us with experience which goes a long way towards an answer.

The more science reveals of the wonders of the universe, the more sure we become that the governing fact therein is not a blind material force but something akin to ourselves.

THUS Professor J. Y. Simpson writes in his "Spiritual Interpretation of Nature": "Every advance and every feature of man's life has been evolved in response to something external to him. The eye has been developed in response to ethereal undulations, the ear in reply to the impact of the waves of sound; maternal love has been elicited by a little child, and every virtue we possess has been developed under the stimulus of something noble but originally external to us. And does this spiritual sense—this within us that is felt to be greater than all that is around us—alone correspond to nothing real and external to us?"

In other words there is mind at the back of the whole process, and not only mind but will and purpose and right feeling; for these things could not come out in us if they did not already exist in our Creator.

GOD must mean well by us, however much we suffer; for the very pity, tenderness, and affection we show to one another are derived from Him.

The same Being cannot be Christlike and devilish; and the God who produced Christ, or even the compassionate heart of the hospital superintendent, must be good, not evil, be the apparent cruelty of Nature what it may.

But, most of all, our comfort comes from this: We can know this God and love Him and be conscious that He cares for us.

This is a real, personal experience which anyone can obtain for himself by living the life that leads to it.

And no one, once in possession of it, can sorrow as those without hope. We can afford to wait for the fuller revelation that is to be.

We shall all be living a million years hence. What shall we think then of our brief tribulation now?

*** *Many of Dr. Campbell's previous articles have just been published in book form under the title of "A Book of Homely Wisdom" (5s. John Lane).*

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As It Should Be.

With the final refusal to reinstate the police strikers we are in complete agreement. We cannot, indeed, see why it should not be made illegal—once and for all—for any strike to take place in a public service.

As It Ought To Be.

At the same time it would have to be made clear that the conditions under which public servants work would be adequately safeguarded, even though the "right to strike" were taken away.

Helpless Victims.

Britain's little "Ellis Island," near Southampton, is once more in the limelight, and the results are anything but savoury. If the Home Secretary would pay it an unannounced visit he would go away in a less complacent frame of mind.

Somebody's Smiling.

Food is not the only thing that rises in price. A battleship once cost a million pounds; now it costs six millions to build a ship which the late Sir Percy Scott declared obsolete. But of course what's waste for the goose is all profit for the gander.

Chasing the Truth.

Following two deaths in hospital at Edmonton, serious charges of neglect were preferred against two parish doctors, as a result of which the coroner seems to have ordered a hole-and-corner sort of enquiry. This is not good enough. Such alarming imputations call for full public investigation.

Gabriel Ahoy!

The latest recruit to the ranks of the approaching end-of-the-world believers is Christabel Pankhurst, who has been delivering addresses thereon in New York. It seems to us a trifle ironical that so soon after the enfranchisement of women Christabel should threaten us with the Day of Judgment.

Interest Without Principle.

Pawnbrokers' interest-rate has been fixed by statute, and the sooner legislation is introduced to fix an equable maximum for moneylender's interest the better.

Better Late Than Never.

The daily papers have "discovered" moneylenders, as they "discovered" slums, and fill columns with their evil ways. Had they backed us up in our exposures months ago, Lord Carson's Bill would now have been law.

Obstinate as Ever.

The Wembley authorities hope to draw millions of Londoners this year, but they haven't yet taken our advice to reduce the entrance fee to 1s. and open the Exhibition on Sundays. Some people are incapable of learning from experience.

Who Draws the Line?

No one questions Sir Berkeley Moynihan's right to be authoritative on the question of cancer. But the way his address has been broadcast makes the recent persecution of other doctors by the Medical Council look more futile than ever.

Cross Politics.

It seems that if one is a Communist one cannot be a Labour candidate unless one is also a Miner's, a Co-operative or an I.L.P. nominee. Sounds like a cross-word puzzle, but we suppose it must be right.

Life—and Death.

No one can accuse the Ministry of Health of undue haste in acting upon the long-delayed Report of the Food Adulteration Committee. But if the scientists should invent a new death-dealing device Whitehall will be off at a stretch-gallop!

FLOODS! "John Bull" to the Rescue!

See page 2.

An Example in Bold Relief.

Because she thought she could manage on less, a widow asked Leighton Buzzard Guardians to reduce her weekly relief from 12s. to 6s. To the credit of the Guardians, they thought otherwise and refused the reduction. We, nevertheless, admire this poor woman's modern interpretation of the widow's "might."

We Pay.

Britain has become the happy land for undesirable aliens, who at Hull and other northern ports are surreptitiously flowing into the country. Some of these men are landed by British ships, and when unemployment doles are granted to them become an unjust charge on British taxpayers. The blame for the scandalous traffic must be fixed.

Saving the Children.

In view of the heavy toll of death and suffering resulting from tonsil and adenoid operations upon children, the Battersea General Hospital Out-Patients' Department has instituted a medical treatment which can be carried on at home without the aid of the surgeon's knife. Our constant exposure of this scandal seems to have had a good effect.

Out of Work.

It seems that having lost his job as M.P. for Bolton at the last election, Mr. Albert Law has been obliged to sign on for the "dole" after failing to get work at his trade. It seems to us that trade unions taking men from their trade to follow a political career should accept some responsibility for them when they taste the bitterness of defeat.

The Cost of Coal.

The Secretary of the Miners Federation has done well to dispel certain widespread misconceptions in regard to miners' wages. There is something dangerously wrong with an industry in which thousands of men engaged on arduous and dangerous work earn less than £2 a week. Until means are found to raise these starvation wages there will be perpetual unrest in the mines.

The Divine Spark.

The sneers of the cynic are silenced by such heroism as that of Professor Bergonie, the gallant Bordeaux doctor, who, although he knew it meant certain death, enthusiastically went on with his X-ray researches into the cause of cancer. In our British hospitals many devoted workers are running equal risks. In his upward evolution man has caught some spark of the divine.

Other People's Money.

On the warpath, Burnley's elective auditors allege that "many members when on Corporation business travel third class on the railway and claim first-class fare." This they describe as "petty pilfering of the people's money." And tipping taxi drivers with public funds as "a cheap method of gaining a reputation for generosity." Now the members know that the ratepayers know.

A Forgotten Heroine.

A heroine when Britain was in peril, Mrs. Ethel Sidney, of Perseverance Terrace, West Dock Avenue, Hull, by service at home and on the fighting front, nobly earned the O.B.E. In the piping days of the peace her husband could not get a job, and at last, for her baby's sake, she had to seek relief from the Guardians—a thing she loathes. Remembering what the woman has done, is there not in Hull an employer who will give her husband work?

Cost of Drinking.

Because a small minority see demons in a glass of beer, brewers are somehow escaping the publicity that has been devoted to other profiteers. In twenty years or so the consumption of beer per person has halved, but brewers' profits have more than doubled. Is it because the State profits also that the brewer reaps his harvest so easily? Less beer, more water, and more profit is the motto by which Bung has grown rich during and since the war. Better beer, what the man who pays has the right to demand.

Determination.

"The Post Office is determined to stamp out the offence" of departmental machinery being used to defraud bookmakers. Fine words are worth acting on, but what about the bookmakers who use the machinery to cheat punters?

Farcical.

It seems to be the unwritten law of Carey Street that sums paid out to creditors of bankrupt estates must be by cheque only. In many instances these sums are doled out a few shillings or a few pence at a time, and each time there is a twopenny cheque stamp and a three-halfpenny postage bill to come out of the estate. Is there a bankruptcy of ideas in Carey Street?

An Alien Pest.

Jacob Gittleson, of Fieldgate Street, Stepney, E., is an alien. Also he is a dodger and a twister and a nuisance who, because he is too mean to stamp his workmen's insurance cards, has given the Ministry of Health no end of trouble. The Old Street magistrate was sorry he could not deport Gittleson. The laxity of our alien laws becomes more apparent every day.

Tender-hearted Convict.

Whilst serving a sentence of nine months hard in Wakefield jail, Harold Wheatley received news that broke his heart. It was that the youngest of his five kiddies was dead, a child he loved almost more than anything else in the world. And to visit his grief-stricken home he did a breakaway from jail, scaling a twenty foot wall. There must be some good in a man who so loves a little child.

The Passionate Fool.

While having no desire to add to the punishment of Emma Smithers, the girl of twenty who is now recovering from throat wounds inflicted by the butler with whom she lived, who killed himself, we deem it necessary to remind other passionate little fools that the trick of living with one man and trying to dupe another into marrying an "innocent" girl is apt to lead to painful consequences. As for the morality of such a trick—well, no decent girl would think of such deception.

Mockery.

Miss E. Slack, of 5, Uttley Street, Darnall, has received a letter on behalf of the Colonel, Coldstream Guards, telling her that the body of Private Slack has been exhumed and reburied in Perth Chinawall Cemetery, France, and adding, "The burial was reverently and carefully carried out, and the following effects of the late soldier are forwarded for your retention: *a piece of boot.* Will you please acknowledge receipt?" Surely, the Lieut.-Colonel Commanding the Coldstream Guards might have paused before thus outraging the poor girl's feelings and tearing open a wound that might have bled. A piece of boot!

Municipal Grab.

Having obtained tenants for their new houses at Chapelton at £32 a year on the understanding that there would be gardens attached, the Port Glasgow Town Council proceeded to fence off the land, stating that it was wanted for a children's playground. When it was pointed out that the plots were most unsuitable for this purpose, as they were on a very steep slope, and the only protection from the railway was a frail fence, they abandoned the idea, but refused to allow the tenants to use the plots unless a higher rent was paid. It is not pleasant to see municipalities playing this game of grab.

Ford's Frauds.

G. Ford, of the Marlborough Estates and Building Association, whose crooked conduct in connection with a hospital ballot in which a bungalow was offered as first prize we recently exposed, is no straighter in dealing with other house property in which he is interested. Last August, without instructions, a firm of decorators carried out interior and exterior work on a house in Gwynne Street, Stockwell, S.W., but all attempts to obtain payment of their bill of £22 have failed. The house, it appears, belongs to Mr. Ford, who repudiates liability, while Ford keeps himself to avoid service of a writ.

Prison Taint.

In remanding two young women charged with shop-lifting, the West London magistrate expressed the hope that while under detention at Holloway they would be kept apart from hardened offenders. Prisoners not yet convicted should be in remand homes and not in jail.

A Sport's Suit.

"A New Suit for Three Correct Scores" is the lure held out by C. Brown, of the Sports Club, Beverley, who runs a football coupon betting business. When a reader succeeded in correctly forecasting three results and applied for his suit, however, he was told that his wager was not large enough for him to qualify for this award, although no stipulation as to the size of the stake was mentioned on the coupon. What a sport!

Slow Skinning.

An advertisement in a daily paper, offering to supply fox-skins, and giving the name of a South American Bank as references, induced a reader some months ago to send cash with order to Herbert J. Eaton, Buenos Aires, Argentine, but up till now she has been unable to obtain any acknowledgment of her remittance, let alone delivery of the goods. We do not know whether Herbert J. Eaton catches and skins the foxes fresh for each customer or not, but whatever his methods they are unpardonably slow.

Another of 'em.

An instance of the lingering sweetness long drawn out which is the lot of those who deal with bonus tea merchants is supplied by a reader who was induced by the promise of a cash gift to take tea from John Mackay, 103, King Street, Kingston, Glasgow. After taking the tea for over three years he is still waiting for the bonus, and the only replies received to several polite enquiries as to when it is likely to be forthcoming are exhortations to continue taking the tea and fresh promises that the date of the gift will be notified later.

Uncle's Savings Bank.

"Something new in clubs at 'Uncle Lawrence's'" is the way in which L. M. Lauridson, a pawnbroker, of Oxford Street, Grimsby, introduces his pretty little scheme for what he calls a "3½d. club." He proposes that each member shall pay 3½d. a week, and at the end of the year all the threepences will be returned to them in cash, while the odd half-pence are to be spent in his shop. That a pawnbroker should set up what amounts to a private savings bank, offering no interest to depositors but insisting on profit for himself, is preposterous impudence.

A Nation of Tailors.

"The Correspondence College of Sartorial Art" (Principal: J. N. McKinna; Gen. Sec.: T. Watson), Oxford Row, Leeds, professes to enable pupils, by postal tuition, to become expert tailors and cutters capable of earning from £10 to £40 a week, a somewhat extravagant claim. The concern recently advertised anonymously for travellers, and informed applicants that they could easily earn £10 a week by introducing students on commission, and that many agents were earning considerably more.

What's in a Name?

From the heading "The Temperance Loan Fund (Established 1849)," the public might be led to suppose that they were dealing with some semi-charitable organisation, but from the experience of a reader who applied to the "District Office" at 12A, Station Parade, Balham High Road, S.W., for a loan of £10, and received a request for 7s. 6d. for expenses, it would appear to be just an ordinary moneylending concern practising all the tricks of the trade. Why are not the names of the principals mentioned on the notepaper, in accordance with the Business Names Act?

A Blatant Mountebank.

John Clempert, the blatant mountebank of 8, Nelson Street, Oxford Road, Manchester, whose inglorious exploits as "The Belgian Death Defier" we exposed some time ago, is still busy in the market-places of the Midlands selling sealed envelopes for a shilling on the pretext that they contain something worth many pounds. Those who are foolish enough to buy them find that they contain nothing but a few commonplace recipes and a coupon relating to a betting system for which the rogue has the audacity to ask £2. It is a pity the police do not move him on wherever he takes up his stand.

A Mean Fraud.

A young fellow describing himself as an ex-Service man has recently been calling upon dairymen selling metal polish purporting to be distributed under the auspices of "Major Walton's Ex-service Men's Industries, only address, Hugh Street, S.W." At the same time he collects £2 on the pretext that it will pay for six months' advertising in a local cinema. Nothing more is heard of the matter, and letters addressed as above are returned marked "Not known." Such a fraud is doubly mean inasmuch as it injures genuine ex-Service men who are struggling to earn a living as hawkers.

The Human Machine.

Holding Your Own

By E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

SEVERAL readers have written to me asking me to devote some space to the question, "How can I rid myself of nervousness?" They mean, of course, "How can I develop confidence in myself? How can I substitute self-confidence for a shrinking self-depreciation?"

I will, this week, content myself with some general preliminary observations.

Not infrequently this nervousness, paradoxical though it may seem, springs in reality from an exaggerated sense of self-importance. We imagine that everyone's eyes are on us, that we are the centre of attention, and that our appearance, acts and words are of supreme interest to friends, acquaintances and strangers.

The truth is quite otherwise. Most people are far too occupied with their own thoughts and their own affairs to bother much about other people.

Therefore, get rid of the idea that you are the only person of whom other folk are thinking. They are not thinking about you nearly as much as you are thinking about yourself.

It is really a point I have occasionally touched on before. Nervousness tends to come when one's thoughts are continually turned inwards instead of outwards. It is the result of self-analysis that has been continued until it has become morbid.

A famous writer once said to an aspiring young journalist: "Remember that there is at least a guinea article in every person you meet."

He meant that everybody has some point of interest or some special piece of knowledge that is peculiarly their own. That applies to you, too.

If you find other people interesting, you may depend upon it they find you interesting. Your ideas, your point of view, may seem worth little to you. To other people they are probably original and stimulating.

To realise this is the first step.

PLAUSIBLE PEST UNMASKED

THE GENIUS BEHIND MANY RAMPS

Where Our Legal System Fails

IS there any way of stopping an impudent rascal named Alfred Arthur Holroyd, at present staying in Stevenage Road, Bishops Park, S.W., from pursuing a career of plunder in which he finds victims as unfortunate as Mr. H. Neale, of 64, Ellesmere Street, Bow, London, E.?

Holroyd is a man with what might be called a great career behind him. He was interested in a concern called Sitefinders, Limited, which had a reputation so unsatisfactory that ultimately letters addressed to it were returned marked "Gone away."

Holroyd was also associated with a company called the Omnium Trust Corporation, which was formed for buying and selling property. Its end was equally undignified. Letters, addressed to it by victims who had entrusted it with their money, were finally returned marked "Gone away."

Something of the same kind happened to British Properties, Limited, another concern with which Holroyd was associated, which ended its career in the hands of the Official Receiver, who had to make to creditors the depressing statement that there were practically no assets, nor any reasonable hope of dividends to the shareholders. In this way many thousands of pounds, belonging to people other than Mr. Holroyd, disappeared.

One would have thought that after these disastrous experiences Holroyd would have been a little shy of inviting people to entrust their money to him for the purposes of investment. That would be entirely to misunderstand his sanguine and optimistic and prehensile temperament.

He next appeared at Bush House, Aldwych, W.C., as the moving spirit of the Holwin Building and Construction Company, Ltd., in which he was fortunate enough to be fortified by such eminent personages as Major-General Sir Herbert Gough, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carrick.

These highly placed gentlemen were possibly not aware of the disastrous record of Mr. Holroyd in connection with British Properties, Ltd., and Sitefinders, Ltd., and the Omnium Trust Corporation.

In February of last year, however, we spoke very plainly about the Holwin Building and Construction Company, Ltd., and drew the attention of these highly placed directors to things that had happened before concerning companies with which Holroyd was connected.

General Gough and the Earl of Carrick were still returned as directors of this concern for some months after we had specifically asked them to look into and strictly supervise the activities of the company in which they were associated with Mr. Holroyd, but in due course both disassociated themselves from the concern.

Sir P. Cunliffe Lister, Pres. B.O.T., who should tighten up Company laws.

Holroyd, relieved of the incubus of his important directors, proceeded to get money from the poor unfortunate ex-soldier named Neale, who had a job with a small but regularly paid salary, and also a house in which he lived. He gave up both for the privilege of joining Mr. Holroyd, and for this privilege paid to Holroyd the sum of £100, for which he got shares in the Holwin Building and Construction Company, Ltd. Neale and his wife scraped this money together with the utmost difficulty; and parted with it in complete confidence.

At the time Holroyd took this money from this unhappy ex-soldier he knew that his concern was in difficulty. It had issued several cheques which were dishonoured, and it had debts that it could not pay. The poor ex-soldier was told nothing of these things.

He parted with his money at the end of September of last year. For a few weeks a salary was paid to him. In the following month a petition in bankruptcy was filed by a creditor against the Holwin concern, and its affairs with heavy liabilities recently passed into the hands of the Official Receiver!

Neale cannot get his money. But he has received a number of letters from Holroyd, some written even after the company smashed, promising him that all would be well, that he would not lose his money, and that he would be adequately provided for. These promises have not materialised, and we do not think Holroyd has much chance of paying Neale back.

But when the liquidation goes through, the Holwin Construction Company will drop into the limbo of forgotten things, like the Omnium Trust Corporation, and Sitefinders, Ltd., and British Properties, Ltd. And Holroyd will no doubt be able to form another company, and to dope a few generals and peers and, after having used their influence and prestige for a time, he may say good-bye to them and find other poor devils to trust him.

A Crook the Yard Missed

Some things that France does better

TO do them strict justice, the French police seem to be more skilled in the art of detecting undesirables than our own police.

It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that they have laid by the heels a visitor passing in the name of Count von Muralt, who was staying at one of the best hotels in Paris in the guise of an important member of the Reparations Commission.

In his room the police found nearly a hundred skeleton keys, various ingenious tools for forcing locks, bolts, and safes, with an assortment of forged stationery of the Reparations Commission and visiting cards that seemed to be in perfect order for an authorised agent of that body. He had also a small armoury of daggers, revolvers, and other war-like implements.

We have no doubt that in due course justice will be done to this "Count" who appears to be a Swiss subject named Fassnacht; but pending this, we want a little light on a phase of his activity that interests us here in Britain more than it does the French authorities.

This precious "Count" has made a few trips to England, and in one of his many names he stayed in succession at two of the best-known West End hotels, and visited some of the political clubs in the company of men belonging to each of the political parties.

By these men he was received as an accredited agent of the Reparations Commission.

We know that the French authorities in Paris have satisfied themselves that the man's claims to have passed through the Customs Control to and from Britain are correct, as are also his claims to have been received by the prominent persons concerned as a duly accredited agent of the Commission.

Where were the men of the Special Branch of the "Yard" when this rogue was masquerading in the West End? How came he to pass through the Customs at our ports with his collection of lethal weapons and his array of forged stationery and skeleton keys?

How came it that he did not come under suspicion at any time last July or again in September when audacious hotel robberies such as he is known to be partial to were committed?

The man was recognised immediately he set foot in France as a well-known international crook. He was closely watched until his arrest. Why was he not similarly recognised when he set foot in Britain? Had enquiry been made at this time the real character of the man must have been disclosed, for it was known to the Swiss police.

The sooner our authorities take measures to check abuses of this sort the better.

Does the King Know?

The cry of a widow

WHO is responsible for the continued torture of Mrs. Alice Mary Cook, the widow of Richmond, Surrey, whose husband served for twenty-three years as a groom at Buckingham Palace?

We have told the story of how Mrs. Cook and her two children, a girl of sixteen, and a boy of thirteen, were threatened by the Office of Woods with eviction from their little home at Laundry Cottage, Kew Foot Road; and how Mr. R. E. Harwood, the King's Deputy Treasurer, refused point blank to find them other accommodation.

We now learn that the reprieve given her over the New Year by the Richmond justices, who granted a stay of execution of the warrant for one month until January 18, has had a surprising sequel.

Feeling, possibly, that the action of the justices savoured too much of seasonable good will, the Commissioners of Woods questioned the legality of the extension, and demanded that Mrs. Cook and her children should be thrown into the street at an earlier date.

Despairing Woman

The justices did as they were told, like good children, and went back on their order by giving notice to the despairing widow that she must vacate the premises by January 5. Mrs. Cook replied that the action was irregular, and that she would hold them responsible for any damage which she incurred through the eviction.

This had an immediate effect. The Commissioners wrote to her, and after a childish and characteristic reference to the "Small Tenements Recovery Act of 1838," to show how right they were, stated that they had no desire that she should "labour under any unnecessary grievance," and that they were "prepared to allow" her to remain in occupation until January 18.

In case it might be thought that they were guilty of any sloppy sentiment, they took care to add that if she failed to clear out by that date the warrant for possession would be "immediately put into force."

A Messy Business

There the matter stands, and we do not hesitate to express our opinion that the whole affair is thoroughly discreditable.

We repeat our hope that the King himself will become advised of the full facts, and, by finding Mrs. Cook another rent-free cottage, put an end to the brutal treatment to which she has been subjected.

Her plight can well be imagined. Ill with worry, and with chronic rheumatism, she has searched everywhere for a home in which to shelter her children and her few belongings.

She might have spared herself the trouble. On her "compassionate allowance" of 11s. 6d. a week, the only accommodation she is likely to find is the workhouse.

Shielding the Shylocks

The law must move

An officer in the Royal Air Force, temporarily pressed for money, recently answered an advertisement offering loans, and got in touch with Henry Rothfield Limited, of 49, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Rothfield is a notorious bloodsucker, and has more than once received salutary publicity in these columns.

The officer did not get the money that he wanted and was promised to him. But he paid a preliminary fee of £1, and then a further sum of 7s. 6d. to cover the expenses of a representative who was to call upon him. The latter came, promised the loan, which was never forthcoming, and Rothfield then asked for further references.

The officer did not wish anybody to know of his difficulties. So the transaction fell through, to the obvious advantage of Rothfield, who has long been known to us as a persistent fee extractor.

Another One.

Then there is Theodore Caine, whose real name is Cohen, who practises from Cromwell House, Surrey Street, London, W.C. We have many complaints about this person, who makes a boast of lending money at very moderate interest. As a matter of fact, when he does lend money it is at quite an extortionate rate. Caine was recently convicted for irregularities in connection with his registration.

Some of the worst sharks are women, who operate in the suburbs and live like parasites on the workingclasses. Among them is Mrs. Florence Brown, of Paignton Road, Streatham. She lent a young man £5 for which he had to pay £1 a week interest. He paid this weekly tribute for a couple of years, until he had given this female shark nearly £50, and still owed the £5 he had borrowed!

Eventually this woman Brown, who is quite notorious in the neighbourhood, threatened to expose her client and lose him his job. She was an unregistered moneylender, and has been summoned for threatening her victim. She is one of a large army of sharks whose activities must be checked by more effective legislation.

Years of Suffering.

The extent of the scandal cannot possibly be realised by the public. Our post-bag brings us every week large numbers of complaints from people who have suffered at the hands of these greedy financial sharks whose chief delight in life is to plunder their helpless victims; and our dossier on this subject is at the disposal of the authorities whose duty it is to safeguard the public in this matter.

We urge every member of Parliament to support Colonel Ashton Cross, M.P., in the effort he is making to get legislation passed that will end this scandal. If they succeed, they will save thousands of victims from lifelong misery.

A SOCIETY TO WATCH!

OLD PEOPLE ROBBED OF INSURANCE BENEFITS

Amazing Action of Well-known Order

THE attention of the Canadian Government ought certainly to be directed to the manner in which a large number of people in this country have been mulcted by the Independent Order of Foresters, which has its headquarters in Temple Building, Toronto, and has branches in Great Britain.

It is supposed to be one of the great national institutions of Canada. It was founded by an American Indian named Oranlyatokha, and it has adopted for its motto the words, "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord."

Let us see what these gracious words really mean.

The Independent Order of Foresters devotes itself to what it calls "fraternal insurance." There is a great deal of imitation masonic fraternity about its proceedings—hand-grips, salutations and brotherly addresses. As to the benevolence, that is being shown by the effort that is now being made to raise a benevolent fund for the relief of the aged and distressed.

In appealing for this fund the Supreme Chief Ranger, W. H. Hunter, says: "The world received a thrill the other day when the ruins of Pompeii, that was buried thousands of years ago under the desolating shower of lava and cinders, there was uncovered the jewelled hand and arm of some gracious Roman matron that was reached out to rescue what seemed to be the form of a little crippled child when the death-dealing shower began to fall. The hand that helps is the hand that is blessed."

It is a noble phrase, this, about the hand that helps. But the hand that helps itself to other people's property is something in quite a different category. That is the charge we make against the Independent Order of Foresters. We say plainly that while it is raising money to found orphanages and to help charities it is plundering some of its own members in circumstances that are a public scandal and disgrace.

Hundreds of people in this country took out insurance policies with the Order, payable at death or on reaching the age of seventy. Will it be believed that many of these members who have been paying their premiums regularly all their working lives, now find themselves in their old age deprived of the provision they paid to obtain?

Lord Byng, the Governor General of Canada, whose attention we draw to this article.

We have before us the case of a Scottish gentleman who insured in the Independent Order of Foresters twenty-five years ago. He insured for £400 at death, or on reaching the age of seventy. He has now been told that when he reaches the age of seventy the amount to be paid to him is not the £400 he contracted for, but a sum that is less than £100

What happened is this: Some years ago the Order found it necessary to raise money from its members. They did this by raising the rates—that is to say by making the members pay increased premiums on their policies.

Where the members were unable to pay the increased rates, the Order advanced the money for this purpose and charged interest upon the advances, with the result that the amount of the policy in some cases completely disappeared.

Let us take another case. A gentleman took out a policy for £600 twenty-six years ago. He has paid in premiums over £200 and he is now informed that if he survives to the age of seventy he will get nothing at all! If there could be a worse case we can scarcely conceive it. But there is — the case of a member who has been informed that his certificate is now worth nothing but that he owes the Order money!

It is a gross scandal that it is the oldest members of this Order who are mulcted by this astonishing business of deducting a large percentage of the benefits promised to them and paid for by them and then wiping out the remainder by charging interest.

The alleged justification for this is what is termed "actuarial revision." No matter by what name it is called, it is sheer robbery. Everybody who knows anything about insurance knows that it is the man who pays his premiums the longest who costs the society the least, and who therefore is the most entitled to benefit.

The Independent Order of Foresters is taking away an old age provision from members who can no longer help themselves, who are now too old to get insurance anywhere else, and who are being deprived in part, and in some cases altogether, of the provision they regarded as safe for themselves and their dependents.

We appeal to the Canadian Government to use its influence to see that the Independent Order of Foresters remove this grievance of its old members. Until it does the words "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord" must sound to deluded victims a hollow and bitter mockery.

Ruined by a Rogue

Elusive Lewin, who laughs at his dupes

WHERE is Mr. Henry Gordon Lewin, the guiding spirit of Lendal Limited, whose headquarters are at 94, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W., with branches in various parts of the country?

We recently told the full and exclusive story of Lewin's activities in this concern, which abruptly suspended business a few weeks ago and left its employees in the dark as to what had happened to cause the sudden cessation.

It is a strange tale. Lewin disappeared one day as completely as though the earth had opened and swallowed him. He left his employees without wages, and perhaps he calmly presumed that they would go home and forget all about the unfortunate state of affairs.

But they were not ordinary employees. They had paid Lewin sums varying from £100 to £300 for the privilege of working for the Lendal firm. Their money was regarded as "security," and they got an agreement entitling them to the return of their cash when they completed their period of employment.

Something like £20,000 was paid over in this way, and the now abandoned and disillusioned employees want to know where their money is. So do we. That is why we asked publicly for an enquiry into the whole scandalous business.

Complaints poured into the office and, as a result of our sensational exposure, a warrant has now been issued for Mr. H. G. Lewin's arrest. The sooner the police find Lewin the better.

The plight of some of the poor devils mulcted by Lewin is terrible. One unfortunate fellow named West is lying in the London Hospital with a broken leg. Out of work, tired of walking the streets in the fruitless search for employment, he paid Lewin £100 for the privilege of working for his firm. In order to pay over the money he borrowed it from a friend, and naturally he has to pay it back. Doubly handicapped by his present affliction, the poor fellow is at his wit's end.

Another employee, the sole support of a widowed mother, paid £100 to the Lendal concern as "security." The poor fellow recently died from consumption. His bereaved and anxious mother went to Lewin just before the crash came, and was promised the return of her son's money, plus 10 per cent. interest. The next thing the poor widow knew was that Lewin had decamped.

These are only two of hundreds of cases. Most of the victims are married men with large families to keep. Many have been ruined by this disaster, and the families of some are in need of bread.

It is a grave scandal. And we call upon the police to use every possible means to bring Lewin to book.

Sitting on a Sweepstake

A job for Job

SUBSCRIBERS to the big sweepstake on last year's Derby organised by the Otley Unionist Club, which was stopped by the police, are becoming restless at the delay in dealing with the funds. They appear to have every reason for their impatience.

"Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have been appointed by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Administrator of the Otley Sweepstake Fund, to repay to ticket-holders the amount paid for their tickets less a proportionate amount of the expenses of the Otley Unionist Club in promoting the sweepstake and of the administrator in administering the Fund."

In these words Mr. G. B. Lomas-Walker, c/o Messrs. Booth and Co., Solicitors, the Central Bank Chambers, Leeds, offered some consolation to the disappointed participants in the scheme. They were told that all claims must reach him on or before September 15, but that owing to the large number to be investigated they need not expect any refund before the end of October of last year.

Some of our readers are beginning to wonder if this were a misprint, and October of this year was really intended.

They filled up forms setting out their claims and submitted them by the date stipulated. October passed, but instead of a refund, they received more forms to fill in, and since November they have been unable to obtain any acknowledgment of these or of letters enquiring when they might expect their money.

Thirty to One

Lunatics on the loose

YET another unfortunate imbecile has been killed in one of our asylums, and the usual coroner's enquiry has resulted in the usual verdict: that the evidence was not sufficient to show how the injuries to the deceased occurred.

The imbecile was a man named James Walton, who had been for some time in the West Riding Mental Hospital at Wakefield. He was an agricultural labourer, described as a simple fellow, with a passion for ferreting and ratting. He died of pneumonia following on a fractured rib. Another imbecile patient admitted hitting Walton in retaliation for some offence.

The astonishing thing is that the inquest revealed the fact that there was only one attendant to twenty-seven imbecile patients in this West Riding Mental Hospital.

How can one man attend to twenty-seven lunatics?

The coroner spoke very plainly about the insufficiency of the staff, and we invite the Lord Chancellor to look into this question.

DOUBLE-DYED DOPE DEMONS

Dens where British Girls Consort with Coloured Men

SOME significant events have happened recently in the "Black Colony" which lies around the Tottenham Court Road area, and we urge the police to maintain the strictest vigilance there during the next few weeks.

In one house where a nigger resides, as many as fifty women have been seen entering in one week. Most of them are white girls who have fallen into the evil ways of erotic vice practised by coloured pests.

A statement has recently been made to the police in that district which needs the fullest investigation. It concerns a coloured man who appears to have fallen out with another to the extent that both are now accusing each other of rascality and crime. A white girl who was recently in the dock on a charge of stealing a watch from a man is one of the figures in the story, and a mysterious robbery alleged to have taken place is also a feature in this strange medley.

But the worst thing about the alarming increase in the coloured population in this country is the alliance that has been made between undesirable blacks and astute Chinese in the Limehouse quarter.

The nature of the alliance may be illustrated by the record of a black rascal who was recently caught in a Chinese café in Pennyfields, and who had upon him enough dope to undermine the whole population of quite a big town.

From investigations we have made we are able to unfold the real story. This black man, whose name is Porter, and who was going about London flashily dressed, was an agent in the international dope traffic. He got the stuff from Oriental seamen in the Cardiff docks, who bring it to this country from Germany, via Rotterdam and Antwerp.

Porter, who travelled constantly between London and Cardiff, had a young man with him whom he had picked up in a bar and to whom he had given a job, and it was through this man's inexperience that Porter was detected and sent to jail.

Each man said that the other owned the parcel of dope, the contents of which they pretended not to know, but Porter offered the young fellow a heavy bribe of some hundreds of pounds to take the blame.

Porter is a coloured pest of the worst type. He came out of jail a year ago after twelve months' imprisonment for burglary, and has previously been convicted for running undesirable houses and gambling dens —"spielers" as they are called in the underworld. He had a small army of black agents and white girls working with him in his dope activities and they will "carry on" in his absence.

Some of the dope found in his possession was intended, like many other consignments, for the dope kings of Chinatown who are still baffling the authorities and carrying on a profitable trade in drugs. They consider that their cunning has completely outwitted the police.

If the authorities cannot break up these dope gangs it may become necessary to ask Parliament for special legislation which will make our big cities prohibited areas for undesirable coloured men who are often of British nationality, coming from the West Indies and therefore not at present subject to deportation orders.

There are many houses in the "Black Colony" off Tottenham Court Road where gambling goes on nightly, and where white women take men for immoral purposes.

Will the police act?

A Racing Club Mystery

THERE are many ways of making money out of the sporting public, and one of the simplest is the device recently adopted by a man who had the inspiration of forming a club to be used as a medium of selling racing information to the public.

He took a small office in Percy Street, St. Pancras, London, installed the telephone, and had notepaper printed with the imposing title of "National Turf Club." On the notepaper was a device representing a horseshoe, with the initials of the club inside it. There was also the encouraging announcement that the bankers of the club were Lloyds Bank Limited, and we should be very much surprised to hear that this bank had in any way authorised the use of its name to such a concern. Circulars were broadcast all over the country which suggested that members of the club could obtain special information which would be sent out either by telegram or by post, and which would be extremely valuable to people who were backing horses.

A number of people in various parts of the country, apparently believing that the National Turf Club was something important and established like the National Sporting Club or the Jockey Club, sent their subscriptions to Percy Street.

We do not know what became of these subscriptions. The club had a short and inglorious career, and it appears to have transferred its activities elsewhere without the preliminary and handsome formula of returning to the public the money obtained for its "exclusive racing information."

Letters to the club asking for money back have been returned marked "Gone away." Letters come to us from clients who parted with money and to ask us to help them to get it back. We are sorry we cannot be of much service to them.

The club purported to protect the racing public from tipsters and defaulting bookmakers, and to assist its members in taking legal action in this connection. The pretext was pure humbug.

If people who get circulars of this kind would first make enquiries they would save themselves money.

Forty Years in Jail

MANY people who can scarcely be accused of sickly mentality will, we hope, agree with us in our appeal to the authorities to set at liberty a man who is at present confined in Peterhead Prison.

The man's name is John Laurie, and he has been in jail now for close upon forty years. He was sent to jail as a boy—he is now an old man—and has been prematurely aged for the past twenty years.

The crime for which he was sent to jail was a dreadful one. He was found guilty of murder.

Nearly forty years ago a gentleman named Rose disappeared at Goatfell in the Island of Arran. The same day young Laurie, who was on a holiday, and who had been out on the mountain at the same time as Mr. Rose, packed his bag, left the island and hid himself.

The body of Mr. Rose was found. But his watch and money were missing. Subsequently young Laurie was arrested and charged with murder.

His defence was that he had found the body of Mr. Rose who had fallen over the cliff and that, very pressed for money, he robbed it. His story was not believed, and he has spent his life in jail as a consequence. He was sentenced to death, but reprieved on account of his youth.

The authorities are quite willing to release him now, but no one will undertake to be responsible for his care. So he must go on until "the fell serjeant death" unlocks his prison bars.

The mind reels at the thought of forty years in jail. There have been cases like this in Siberia, though no one would quote Siberia as an example to a civilised nation.

But is there no society in this country, with all its philanthropic and charitable organisations, that will undertake the care of this man, happy man, and let him see some thing of God's sunshine, and breathe the air of liberty for a short time before he passes from a world which has been hidden from him for the greater part of his life?

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST!

SOCIALISTS are made, not born, says the late Minister of Health. The terrible social conditions of our big cities inevitably breed men whose souls revolt. Housing horrors transform lambs into lions.

by THE RIGHT HON. JOHN WHEATLEY, M.P.

F there were no revolting social conditions there would be no demand, as there would be no need, for Socialism. The seed of Socialism is the failure of the present al order to satisfy human desires.

ll our great cities are monuments of the ure of the present social order to provide any- g approaching general prosperity. But the ure is not by any means confined to our es. I think and write of Glasgow and arkshire because with these I am most mately familiar. But the same lack of reciation of what human beings, as human gs, are entitled to in modern times is to be in every industrial corner of the country. e social degradation of large chunks of the gow population impresses itself on the minds bservant social students because of its con- rated form. Glasgow's population of 0,000 souls live in an area of 19,000 acres, h is about one-third the area of Birmingham, h has a smaller population.

r tenement system of housing is mainly nsible for this. It has been truly said that people are warehoused not housed, but tored in strata—four layers high.

se Awful ements

a typical Glasgow working-class tenement et three or four houses on the ground floor ed by a common tunnel-like passage, called lasgow a "close." At the end of the e" a stair runs to the top of the building, three landing stages, on each of which are houses, making twelve for the tenement, welve occupying a ground space of three . This system of housing is frequently ive to visitors from other places.

re is the story of the Irishwoman who d to join her husband, and who, when he d to the large building in which he had d accommodation for his welcome partner, ked "Faith, Pat, I think a smaller house done us to begin with."

tenement, as I have pointed out, usually s four flats, each carrying three separate gs. As a rule two of these are of two each and the other is a one-roomed house, gle end." In the two-apartment house, artment is used to serve the combined es of a kitchen, scullery, living room, m and dining-room, while the other is s a combined sitting-room, reception nd family bedroom.

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one-apartment house the one room must l the above purposes. Within the four this single chamber all the functions of e to be performed by a family which ly numbers up to six persons, and ally ten or a dozen.

hild is born in the middle of the night, band and the little ones may be banished doctor and made to walk the streets for a winter morning, unless they should be e enough to secure the shelter which the y expect only from the poor.

infant should die prematurely, which isolated occurrence, the coffin may be the customary couple of days on one he table, while the family take their he other.

leave to the reader's imagination the , embarrassments, and difficulties of nd adult life in such conditions.

But I must say a word about the bed! In the working class houses erected up to the end of last century, which of course constitute the vast majority of existing houses, there is really no bed in the sense in which we think of a bed in an Englishman's house.

A Glasgow family possesses bedding, but not necessarily a bed. A recess, the size and shape of a bed, is built into one side of the house, termed a "hole in the wall." Loose boards are stretched across on trestles about three feet from the ground, and on these boards the bedding is placed. On three sides you have the solid wall with a roof a few feet above, and the only open side almost invariably screened off from light and air by curtains.

The Horror of Home

These curtains are required to provide a modicum of privacy for the sleepers, because it must be remembered that all the family use this room for general purposes. A nice cosy corner, the Glasgow bed!

The workshops in which these people labour are very often as comfortless and depressing as their homes. The quality of food which they obtain is far from first class, is very often adulterated, and cannot be relied on to arrive with anything like daily regularity. It is farcical for the hygienists to prescribe for them so much flesh, fish and fruit per diem.

Rt. Hon. John Wheatley, M.P.

Holidays are something outside their lives, if we exclude the simultaneous despatch of the people in mass quantities to the coast for a day or two during the third week of July in each year Tens of thousands cannot afford even this relaxation.

Blotches on the Countryside

One might pursue almost indefinitely a description of this dreary life, but what is the use? There is one recent addition to it which I must not omit, and that is the growing difficulty of finding employment for boys and girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty.

You can imagine the sorrowful impression on the mind of a sensitive father or mother who, with no housing accommodation for his unemployed child, sees that child compelled to spend his most impressionable years standing in a group of similar lads day by day, at the street corners.

Conditions in the Clydeside villages of Lanarkshire are just as bad. The housing is sometimes actually worse. There are seldom any public baths or public libraries, or any of the attractions common in cities to bring a glitter into their drab lives.

There are few sights more depressing than a countryside, once beautiful, but now scarred and blotched by the operations and refuse of industry. And I believe that the conditions of labour are actually more humanly degrading.

Let me tell you about the Lanarkshire miner. Picture to yourself a row of youths, working underground, each clothed only in broken socks, ill fitting boots, and a pair of trousers stiff with dirt and grease and held up by a heavy belt, their bodies covered with a black, dust-laden shirt, and sometimes actually shirtless, with oily, dirty caps on their heads which serve no purpose but as hangers for a small, leaking oil lamp.

And these men, pushing with all their might empty coal hutches or waggons up a steep incline on a road about four feet wide and four feet high, the sweat pouring from their skin until, at a recognised stage, the leader halts exhausted.

Let me try to enable you to visualise these miners at their meals. You must not think of tables, or chairs, or water basins, or towels, or even plates, or knives, or anything usually associated with a meal. Rather picture a common resting stage underground where they congregate for the arrival of the hutches.

There is nothing in the nature of closet accommodation or sanitary convenience here or anywhere else in the mine, nor any facilities for washing the muck from their hands, or indulging in any of the methods prescribed by modern physicians. Each takes a coloured handkerchief from his pocket. It contains a few slices of bread and butter, or perhaps margarine, with a piece of cheese or cold ham between.

From another pocket he takes a tin flask containing cold tea, without milk (the milk would sour), and in these fetid surroundings and after wiping his fingers on his coaly clothing, he proceeds to nourish the body of a man who is the foundation of Britain's greatness.

Clydeside Culture

Now, gentle reader, if you were suddenly condemned to live and work in these conditions would you be entranced by rose-coloured accounts of Britain's glory and the greatness of the Empire on which the sun never sets?. Do you think it would be noble to suffer thus in silence? Or do you not agree that revolt against these conditions is a virtue?

You may think, of course, that you are more refined, and more cultured than the wild Clydesider. Pray excuse me for telling you quite bluntly that you are wrong. For at least twenty-five years the most intensive political and even scholarly education has been conducted among these people. Many of their domestic libraries would surprise and put to shame people who assert greater outward claims to culture.

They laugh at the appalling ignorance of the middle-class in political economy and industrial and social history. They have only contempt for the aristocratic intellectual claims of the rich. They know that while by individual effort one in a thousand of them may escape from this economic bondage, only by collective effort and mass action can the nine hundred and ninety-nine hope to be freed.

A Parliament of Promises

Your soul may be shocked by a rough word or a grating phrase in the House of Commons—it disturbs your amenities. Your House of Commons is to these people but the executive committee of the class who, for the purpose of exploitation, condemn them to a life of almost unrelieved slavery. They send men to the House of Commons because they hope and pray rather than believe without doubting, that in this way their emancipation may be secured.

The Sentence of the Court

POLITICS A LA OPERA

Should Mussolini have been an actor?

by HARRISON OWEN

THROWING himself into an attitude suggestive of Ajax defying the lightning or an angry actor denouncing the limelight man, Signor Mussolini refused to plead to a charge of being a public nuisance.

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"The jury, I hope, will not be influenced either by melodramatic posturing, reminiscent of Italian opera, or by the fear of being forcibly fed with castor-oil by some of our indigenous B.F.s." began Mr. Watchdog, K.C. "It is now more than two years since the antics of this bogus strong man first provided Europe with food for mirth, but our laughter long ago gave place to boredom. We have seen so many pinchbeck Napoleons, both home-grown and foreign, strut for a brief hour in the limelight that we are no longer diverted by 'turns' of the kind, even when the performer has some new 'props,' such as a black shirt instead of a cocked hat.

"Unfortunately, this black shirt has come to be regarded as a symbol of mourning for the death of Liberty in the country once associated with the glorious name of Garibaldi, and every time the accused makes a fresh funeral oration over the corpse we long to cry, 'No flowers, by request.' His latest campaign of repression and intimidation has moved Mr. Lloyd George to declare that 'There has been nothing worse in Italy since the atrocious days of King Bomba.'

"IN due course, his countrymen will doubtless make it plain to Mussolini that he has put his (black shirt on the wrong horse, but, meanwhile, we must convince our own B.F.s that they will be better advised to devote their surplus energy to cross-word puzzles than to attempting to emulate this castor-oil magnate.

"Signor Mussolini himself has told us that all that he has done has been inspired by his 'boundless and mighty love for the Fatherland,'" said Mr. Strawsplitter, in defence, "and this, I think, is the most fitting answer to the violent diatribe of my learned friend. Because my client has used force it does not follow that he has abused liberty. Fascismo was necessary to save Italy from Bolshevism and the castor-oil of the one is preferable to the bombs and bullets of the other."

"I CANNOT follow the argument that one evil excuses another," marked Mr. Justice Bull, after the jury had found the accused "Guilty." "There is always a middle course, and neither Italy nor any other country should have to make a choice between two tyrannies. So far as one can ascertain from the stoppered-Press news (often the only sort available, since the prisoner has shown a greater fondness for 'gagging' than any barnstormer who ever invited the turnip of derision) Italy is now a less comfortable place for peaceful and liberty-loving citizens than it was when the prisoner first essayed to play the deuce. The man whom we were invited to believe possessed the qualities of a statesman turns out merely to have the faults of a beauty actor without his beauty.

"In the hope of making our own afternoon-tea Fascisti realise that it is possible to be a patriot without behaving like a B.F., I direct that the prisoner be laughed out of Court."

Saints and Sinners.

MAN WHO LIVES IN THE CLOUDS

But has his feet firmly on earth

by HESKETH PEARSON

SOME men are Conservatives by temperament, others by inheritance, a few by conviction. Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, is one of the few. In the past he has fought Liberalism tooth and nail. In the future he will fight Socialism like the very devil. He goes "all out." None of your kid-gloved, half-hearted nonsense for him! Hit for all you are worth, bare-fisted—that's his motto—and make certain that your adversary is a corpse before you pass on.

He has represented Chelsea for nearly fifteen years, and even the rebellious spirits down there like his style. "Go it, Samuel!" they cry, as he delivers his sledge-hammer blows—and he "goes it" with a will. One wag described him as "the parliamentary representative of Augustus John's constituency," which may be taken several ways. Though I ought to add that the famous artist once asked: "Who is Hoare?"

THERE'S been talk of his going to the House of Lords ever since the General Election. With most men this is usually the same thing as going to sleep. But I doubt if the atmosphere would drug him. He's tremendously alive and alert. When bored in any company he simply disappears, locks himself up and works.

He is known among his colleagues as a brilliant man. In comparison with Neville Chamberlain, Willie Bridgeman or Joynson-Hicks, he probably is. But even our newspaper correspondents ought to know by now that brilliance of intellect is about as common among present-day politicians as good elocution among parsons.

SIR SAMUEL, at any rate, is not brilliant. He's a hustler, a worker, a hard-hitter (both in tennis and politics), and what the Americans would call "a vitaliser"; but he is not a man of uncommon brain-power. When he was last at the Air Ministry he was known as "the whirlwind."

Unquestionably, he puts the wind up and keeps it blowing down every corridor of the building; but he's up against a far bigger obstacle than departmental slackness. His real trouble is the Treasury. In other words, he's in the blind-alley of Public Economy, where the wind of his efficiency may howl and whistle in vain.

Sir Samuel Hoare.

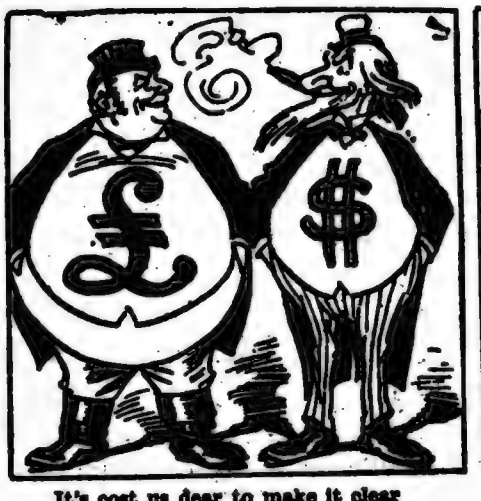
Critics will be saying all sorts of unpleasant things about the Air Ministry in the near future. It will be accused of over-reaching itself, of trying to do too much. It will be told that machines are not properly overhauled, that the work in the shops is scamped, that there are not enough workshops or mechanics.

ALL of which may or may not be true. But the real factor will, as usual, be overlooked. If we want to have an air service worthy of the Empire, and an air force worthy of a country that really won the war—I am aware that France, Italy, Russia, and even America, had a look-in—then we mustn't grumble if Sir Samuel asks us to fork out!

CARTOONETTES and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

Though modish styles raise "Nippy's" smiles,
Her smile will be more pleasant
If Lyons' will forget the bill
And make her dress a present.



It's cost us dear to make it clear
That England's credit's sound,
But anyhow, the dollar now
Can't look down on the pound.

Tho' David blows full well he knows
He's wasting all his trouble,
His efforts must end in the "bust"
That comes to every bubble.

"I am monarch of all I purvey,
And tho' feeling's becoming strong
I alone have the say what for meat
shall pay,
My prices there's none can dispute.

SOLVING the RENT PROBLEM

MOST of our problems can be traced to the Land question. Until we have Land Reform we shall still be wondering why prosperity gives us the cold shoulder. The time to act is now.

by J. ELLIS BARKER

IT is an unfortunate thing that landed property is in relatively few hands. It is bad politically, socially and economically.

The great characteristic of the present time is social dissatisfaction and unrest.

Pre-revolutionary France was in a position resembling that of this country. The bulk of the land was held by the nobility and the Church. The broad masses of the people had no property in the land. They rose towards the end of the eighteenth century and introduced a regime comparable to that at present prevailing in Russia.

The land was divided among the masses and as soon as the policy "Every man his own landlord" was carried through, the French, who had been a revolutionary nation, became a nation of conservative property owners.

Held by a Few.

The French invaded the states of the Continent, in which also land was held by the few. They raised the landless people against their rulers by promising them equality, liberty and fraternity. In order to satisfy the citizens, Continental Governments enabled tenants to acquire freeholds by purchase at easy rates spread over a long number of years. Thus, the freehold system became universal in Europe, except in this country.

The freehold system is of the greatest advantage not only in allaying social unrest and dissatisfaction, but it is an incentive to thrift and efficiency. People of small means are discouraged from saving. The interest on deposits paid by the savings banks, the ordinary banks and other institutions is not very attractive.

Investment in Government securities also is not very remunerative. The prices of bonds, etc., bought may decline, and the purchase of stocks and shares bearing higher interest is risky. Thrifty people of small means are only too often defrauded by company promoters and by adventurers to whom they have entrusted their savings.

Money in the Land.

Hard-working people like best to invest their savings in property of real and abiding value. The farmer loves to put his money into land, live stock, etc., and the townsman would like best to put them into a freehold house of his own. No one likes to be a lodger or a tenant.

The present system of land holding discourages thrift and encourages waste. It causes innumerable people to spend all they earn or more than they earn. They invest their surplus in amusements and in aimless purchases. Thus, absence of the freehold system leads automatically to the concentration of capital in a few hands and to the creation of a mass of property-less, reckless and dissatisfied individuals on the other hand.

Absence of universal ownership is particularly harmful with regard to agriculture. Great rural landlords like to be popular and they are reluctant to raise the rents of their farmers.

The farmers, on the other hand, do not have an overstrong inducement to improve cultivation. If they double the value of the land by intensive labour, the old landlord or new landlord may double the rent. They may be working for the landlord instead of for themselves. To obtain compensation for improvements is a complicated, costly and speculative matter.

Hence, farmers are content to go on in the old way as long as they can make a living. Both tenants and land owners suffer through the inadequate productivity of the land.

If a farmer has a freehold farm he will put every ounce of energy into improving the soil, for he knows that every shilling which he digs into the ground will be his and his children's for ever. Herein lies the reason that agriculture on the Continent has improved incredibly since the introduction of universal freeholds and herein lies the reason that Germany produces per acre three times as much food as England, although her soil and climate are in no way superior to our own.

Eternal Conflict.

In the towns also the leasehold system is a general calamity. Landlord and tenant are in a latent state of war. Each tries to take advantage of the other. Landlords endeavour to confiscate improvements made by hardworking shopkeepers and others by raising the rent and tenants try to take advantage of the landlord by ill-using houses, the repair of which devolves upon the landlord.

Mr. J. Ellis Barker

The absence of the freehold system is largely responsible for the creation of the slum. Men who have houses of their own cherish them. Men who live in other people's houses keep coal in the bath, occasionally use fences and banisters for making fires, and do not mind in the least if the wallpaper and the paint are ruined, and if the value of the house is permanently destroyed by a leak in the roof which they would mend at once if it were their own property.

Continental nations have shown us the way how to convert universal leaseholds into universal freeholds. Besides, Britain has become acquainted with the advantages and the technique of leasehold enfranchisement by her policy in Ireland, which has had the happiest results.

The productivity of British agriculture could be doubled and trebled by the introduction of the policy, "Every man his own landlord." The nation might become self-supporting for its food. The unemployment problem would be solved.

The Baby Crime

HOW can a man with several starving children set out deliberately to bring another into the world?

by BASIL TOZER

SIX children, sir, and another on the way and nothing in the house to eat . . . . . "

Eight youngsters all under elve and the wife expecting ther . . . . and no food or l . . . . "

nswers like that I got scores of es during the last two years of my y service, 1920 and 1921. I was ioned in London, and as hon. retary of several charitable milli- funds I had, day after day, to demobilised soldiers in their es to see what could be done for n in response to their S.O.S. It a heart-breaking task. And to e extent I have to do it still.

seems never to occur to these fellows that much of their ry is the direct outcome of their thoughtlessness and recklessness. n and again I have visited homes e the family could have lived, in comfort but certainly not in ry, had there been two or even children instead of eight or When I ventured to hint as , as a warning to others, the parents looked quite astonished. Such a thought had never entered their heads.

Yet can you conceive, you people of intelligence who read JOHN BULL, a man with six or eight children all on the verge of starvation, and himself out of work, being so inconsiderate, so selfish, so heartless as to set out deliberately to bring another child into the world?

Mr. Basil Tozer.

I have heard a child, born amid hideous surroundings, curse its parents for having given it birth. And still there are people — well-meaning, but utterly foolish and unpractical—who openly advocate the mass production of children, while assuring the poor blind dupes that "the Lord will provide!"

What always surprises me is the tone of pride, the almost self-laudatory air, assumed by the father when he parrots that phrase—"and the wife expecting another."

Does it never strike such men that to go on producing children which neither they nor anybody else can provide for is a crime against humanity? Do they never think of the poor mother and of the increase in her mental anguish every time she becomes aware that soon there will be another mouth that she will have to try to feed?

The directors of the philanthropic organisations which I have to do with look with less and less favour on these parents who increase and multiply so recklessly and with no thought of the future. They know that to try to help people of that sort is like pouring water into a sieve, for they will go on having children and so go on needing help.

The parents they can do good to, say the directors—and rightly—are to be found mostly among those with one or two children only. Imagine trying to find a job for a married couple with six children! I speak of what I know, for I have tried, many a time, and have never once succeeded Yet I have many times found jobs for couples with two and even three children.

Much is being written about the appalling overcrowding which prevails in the poorer quarters of most of our big cities, but if the dwellers in those congested districts could be made to realise that their misery would be enormously reduced if only they would refrain from propagating so wantonly, the first *practical* step would have been taken to alleviate human suffering the bare sight of which makes thinking people soul-sick.

That many of the children born in squalor become, in time, a charge upon the State further strengthens my contention. I came upon a case in point only a month ago—a family of twelve rookery children *every one of whom was defective either mentally or physically.* Yet the father, smoking his pipe, told me calmly he believed there would be "another kiddie soon!"

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To PRESIDENT COOLIDGE,
White House, Washington.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,—I really do not see why anyone should be afraid to tell you that the British people are very much disappointed with your attitude towards European questions. If the war-debts tangle is to be straightened out and the problem of disarmament seriously grappled with, it can only be with the active co-operation of the United States of America; and I am bound to say that in my view your great Republic is doing less than its fair share of the moral team-work between the nations which alone can save the world. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir WM. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR WILLIAM,—No doubt you are right when you advocate more Tubes, as a step towards solving London's traffic problems. But I trust you will bear in mind the colossal rise in the value of land when the Tube was recently extended to Edgeware. By encouraging Tube extension the Government can put millions into the pockets of landlords—to the detriment of the public. It can also, if it chooses, check this extortion by suitably taxing the owners on what are nothing more or less than excess profits or, if you prefer it, unearned increment. Talk it over with the Chancellor when he returns from Paris.
JOHN BULL.

To Sir GORDON CAMPBELL,
Chairman, Messrs. Weddel and Co., Ltd.

SIR,—Your impudent evasion of the facts regarding the Meat Trust met with the rebuke it deserved at the hands of Sir Auckland Geddes. No wonder the people are convinced that profiteering is rampant when such as you openly flout a Royal Commission in your anxiety to hide the truth. So Weddel's are not interested in retail shops? But the Vestry family is, and Vestry can spell at choice The Western United Investment Trust, Ltd., The Union Cold Storage Co., Eastmans, Argenta, *and* Weddel and Co. As Sir Auckland said to you, "Good afternoon, thank you." JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

SIR,—It is evident that in many parts of the country the housing of the people is being held up by the stubborn neglect of the local authorities. In several areas there has been a flat refusal to work the Housing Acts, and would-be builders applying for the Government subsidy have been roughly turned down. If this sort of thing continues the optional character of the existing schemes will have to be replaced by cast-iron compulsion. JOHN BULL.

To SYDNEY EDRIDGE, Esq.,
Justice's Clerk, Croydon.

SIR,—In conveying to you my sympathy in your being unexpectedly called upon to resign the position of Justices' Clerk which you have filled for a quarter of a century, I would like to express my admiration of your determination to devote the remaining years of your life to the defence of poor prisoners in the Court with which you have been so long associated. I have repeatedly urged the necessity for the appointment of a Public Defender, and to find my views receiving support in so practical a fashion is a source of much gratification. I hope you will find before you many years of valuable service as a representative of justice for the poor. JOHN BULL.

To Miss HELEN WILKINSON, M.P.,
House of Commons.

MADAM,—Your views on "the morals of the cinema" are in refreshing contrast to much of the twaddle that is talked on this never-ending theme. Clearly it is "up" to the critics who object to the "movies" to find some better recreation for the toiling millions. At the same time, I agree with you that we ought to have more home-made films unfolding the pageant of British history. Perhaps the trade will take the hint.
JOHN BULL.

To DION CALTHROP, Esq.,
Kingsway Theatre, London.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate you on your stand against the blind prejudice of the theatrical managers in regard to broadcasting. Your determination to broadcast "Yoicks" in face of a universal boycott will, in the end, do you good. In your town, you say you will play in a travelling theatre, and utilise fair-grounds and open spaces. You will have behind you not only the B.B.C. but the B.P. who will, like myself, appreciate your attitude. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. C. P. WAY,
Vicar of Henbury, near Bristol.

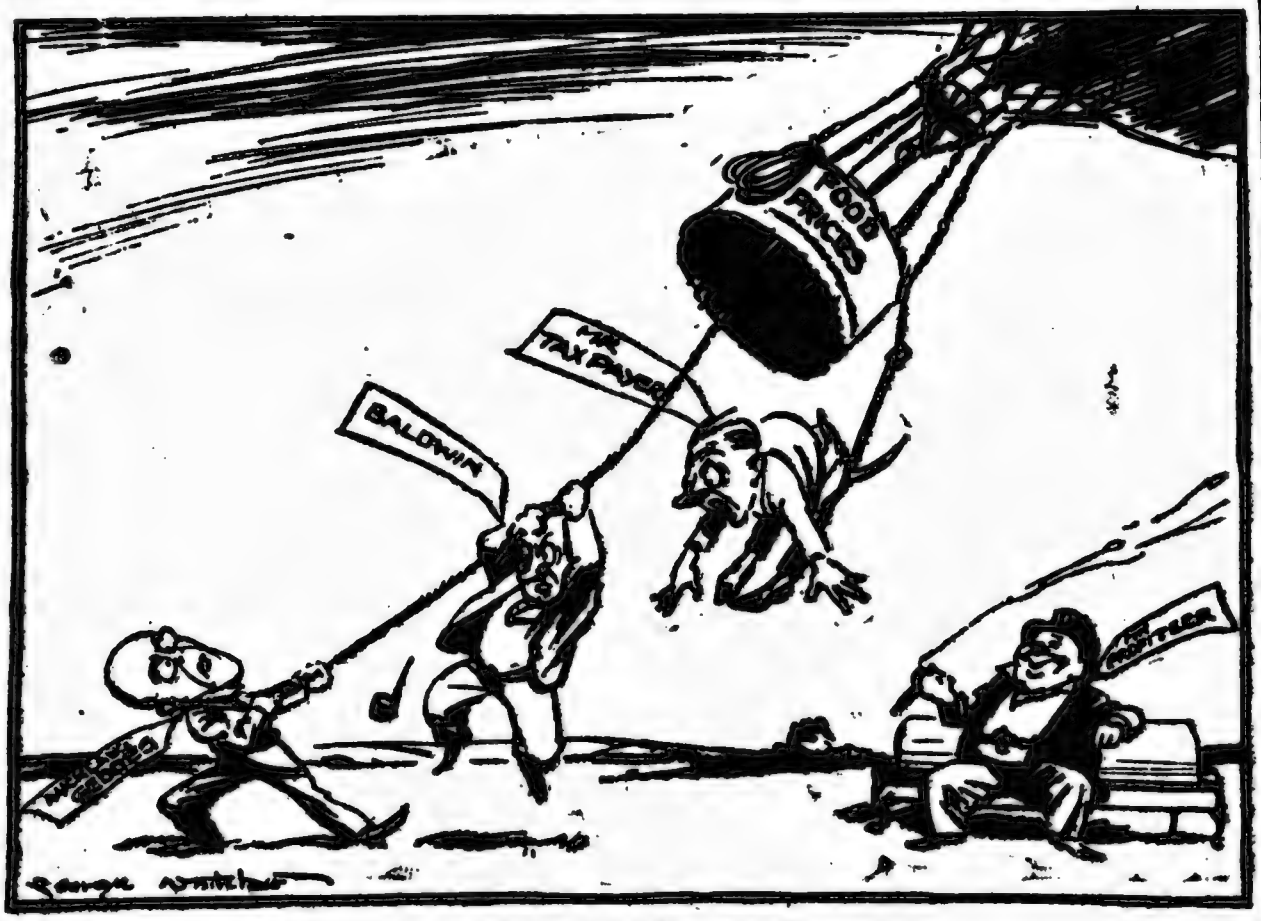
DEAR VICAR,—Imagine how distressed I was to learn that you recently preached to a congregation of *one*—and he an unregenerate representative of a local newspaper! This episode occurred, let me hasten to add, not at your parish church of Henbury, but at the neighbouring village of St. Aust, where the congregation are up in arms because you will not give them a proper resident curate. I am afraid that if you are to regain your popularity you will have to appoint that curate. They run cheap. JOHN BULL.

To WILLIAM CLARKE HALL, Esq.,
Old Street Magistrate.

SIR,—There is profound truth in your recent observation that "two thousand years of vindictive punishment has not made the world better." Then you went on to tell the bitter story of a man of sixty-seven who had spent forty years of his life in jail, having been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at the age of fifteen. At least we may claim that no such brutality as this would be possible to-day. I congratulate you on your courageous championship of the under-dog. JOHN BULL.

To GEORGE HICKS, Esq.
Sec., Amal. Union of Building Trade Workers.

SIR,—As a critic you command my admiration. Your criticism is quite according to accepted practice—pithy, rather contradictory, and distinctly prejudiced. Your attack on the Weir Steel houses would, however, carry more weight if it were based on actual experience and not merely on theory. It would carry still more weight if you and your merry men had proved that they could supply the orthodox brick house till the cows come home. Since this is not so, I remain singularly unimpressed. You would be far better employed in urging your members to lay more bricks. JOHN BULL.



IN THE AIR

Straight from the Shoulder

MUSSOLINI:—If the Fascists are a gang of criminals then I am the chief criminal.

The answer to both parts of the implied question is in the affirmative.

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REV. E. L. MACASKIEY:—There are very few saints among the clergy.

There would be none if the clergy really practised the Christianity they preach.

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DR. LUCY WILSON:—Education is no longer a thing of it is a glorious adventure.

On the contrary, it is still largely a matter of pouring knowledge into adolescent buckets.

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M. CLEMENTEL:—A further depreciation of the franc must be avoided at all costs.

The only sure way to avoid it is to start paying the debts.

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SIR CHARLES FIELDING:—I believe high prices are largely due to mismanagement and muddle.

You're too polite. We believe they're largely due to rampant greed and open robbery.

Without Fear or Favour

THE GREAT BREAD RAMP!

The Unwanted

TIME and again we are told that an alien criminal has been ordered for deportation, and we are too apt to be satisfied with this facile assurance. But the matter is not so simple. As far as Russia is concerned, for example, deportation is a farce. The Soviet Republic preserves no accurate record of the births of Russian subjects.

Consequently nothing is easier for the Soviet authorities than to disown every undesirable Russian returned to them from Western Europe, or to demand strict proof of his origin before letting him in. It would be interesting to know how much money has been spent on carrying to and fro the deportees rejected by the Russian authorities owing to non-proof of their nationality.

Lately there has been complaint of the activity of "long firm" swindlers and "fire-bugs" of Russian origin. The police have tracked down a good many of these miscreants and they have been sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment, to be followed by deportation. When the sentences had been served and deportation became due it was often found that there was no way of executing this part of the sentence in view of the Soviet's refusal to recognise the criminals as Russians.

Clearly a way out of this deadlock must be found. The British Government should guard against trouble of this sort in the future by insisting that, before any persons of alien origin are admitted here, they should deposit such proof of their nationality as will prevent disputes in after years.

Testing Tired Tims

THERE is always a risk that the born-tired and bone-lazy will abuse the "dole." This abuse should be guarded against. True, the "dole" is not charity. It is an insurance benefit, to which the man who cannot find employment is justly and legally entitled, but to which the man able to find work but unwilling to look for it has not the vestige of a claim.

At Edmonton, quite a number of these ne'er-do-wells have been discovered. One applicant for unemployment relief was given a job at full trade union wages. He worked half a day and then deserted. The "dole" suited him better than his job.

It is men like this who, taking advantage of the insurance system, bring it into discredit, and injure the bona-fide unemployed. Edmonton proposes to deal with the born-tired on novel lines. The plan is to give out test-jobs under the control of the municipality. If a man proves himself work-shy he will automatically forfeit the dole. We commend the scheme.

Reduce the Price of the Loaf!

BREAD, one of the staple foods of the people, is ridiculously high in price. Enormous profits are being made by the bakers while housewives scrape to make ends meet.

WITH bread now at the almost famine price of 10d. there is a dangerous possibility of our prediction of the 1s. loaf being fulfilled. But while the industry is using the general Press to accustom the public to the prospect of dearer bread, we deliberately state that there is no necessity for any increase.

According to evidence given before the Food Commission, the price of delivered flour is 54s. 6d. per cwt. in London and 55s. 6d. outside—an average of 55s. As a minimum of 96 quartern loaves can be produced from each cwt. sack of flour, the average of profit can readily be discovered. With the price of bread at 10d., the baker is securing a return of 80s. on his 55s. sack of flour—a gross profit of 25s. per cwt.

The Right Hon. Sir Auckland Geddes, President of the Royal Commission.

Not content with these huge profits out of pure flour, the bakers seek to add to them by using an adulteration in the form of milk powder. These "improvers" have the advantage of being absorbents which retain the water that is baked out of unimproved bread. This causes the bread to swell into those large-looking loaves that are so popular, but which are heavier on the scale because of the weight of the water.

ACCORDING to an advertisement in the trade Press by a Colonial company which sell these improvers, the use of such preparations makes it possible for the cwt. sack of flour to produce a minimum of 103 loaves. This means that the cwt. sack yields a profit of 31s. when made into bread.

While it is not possible to indicate the overhead expenses that have to be deducted, the actual net profits made by large concerns who handle thousands of sacks weekly are eloquent.

In the last three years the Spillers Milling and Associated Industries, Ltd., made £857,732 net, and Hovis, Ltd., in the last five years made £229,684 on paid-up capital of £458,000—approximately 50 per cent.—while Callard Stewart and Watt, Ltd., a large bakery concern, have paid 62½ per cent. in dividends in the last five years.

The argument of the London Master Bakers' Protection Society is that flour is double the price it was in 1914, that men's wages have also doubled and the work hours reduced from fifty-six to forty-eight per week. These facts are accurate, but they do not justify the 10d. loaf.

IN the first place, it is an axiom of the bakery trade that the pastrycook side of the business should cover "labour and working expenses." Apart from that, there is the record of the Bermondsey Co-operative Bakery, which sells bread at 9d. per quartern loaf. Its lowest paid operatives get 7s. 6d. per week more than trade union rates, and the working week is forty-four, not forty-eight, hours.

The explanation of the Bermondsey achievement is the explanation of the 10d. loaf swindle elsewhere. The overhead and distribution costs are kept well down at Bermondsey, and only 5½ per cent. interest is paid.

The organ of the flour trade, the *Miller*, openly states that "prices ultimately depend on what can be extracted from the consumer up to the point where he will not buy."

For Humanity

BEHIND the tragedy of Dr. Joseph Born lies a greater tragedy. This brilliant German chemist committed suicide after dedicating the best years of his life to the discovery of drugs for the benefit of humanity. Poverty was a contributory cause of his despair.

One would think there was money in drugs. So there is. But Dr. Born stubbornly refused to sell out his inventions to the great drug monopolies. He wanted his discoveries to be for the benefit of mankind at large. "His great ambition," says his widow, "was that the world should be independent of rings and trusts in beneficent drugs and medicines."

And so, instead of becoming a monopolist millionaire, he spent his all in the service of science and humanity, and at last, worn out with his researches, made a sad end of his career.

Another unselfish scientist is Dr. Spahlinger, who believes he has discovered a cure for tuberculosis. Dr. Spahlinger would rather endure poverty than allow his discovery to be exploited by a monopoly for no higher purpose than that of commercial profits. In this way Spahlinger emulates Born.

The public should make its voice heard in a demand for the full investigation of the Spahlinger treatment, which in this country has been treated with cold official neglect, in spite of many well-authenticated cures.

At present Spahlinger is curing scores of sufferers from tuberculosis. He ought to be healing tens of thousands. He is willing to part with his secret, not to sordid profit-hunters, but to the people's representatives. It is for Parliament to act.

Heads or Hearts?

OUR lengthy campaign in favour of more humane treatment of youthful offenders has culminated in the appointment of a Home Office Committee to enquire into the existing system. This is a wise official action; but the composition of the Committee is open to criticism.

The most remarkable defect is the failure of the Home Secretary to nominate any police-court missionary or social worker to serve on this Committee of Enquiry. The names composing the list are those of persons more or less eminent in various walks of life, chiefly the legal and official.

We have a name to suggest. In the course of numerous articles in this journal, Mr. Robert Holmes, the famous police-court missionary, has revealed his expert knowledge of the present system and its many shortcomings.

The co-option of Mr. Holmes on this Committee would lend it a measure of authority it now sadly lacks.

M. Herriot, Prime Minister of France.

Five Years of Shuffling

WE not only lent our own money to the Allies, but we borrowed from America on their account. On all these loans the British taxpayer is paying interest, while France, spending money on armaments, forgets to honour her debts.

by A. G. GARDINER

MR. CHURCHILL has gone to Paris to talk about money. Not to put too fine a point on it, he has gone on a debt-collecting mission. He has gone ostensibly to secure to us our fair share of reparations from Germany and more privately to ask France what she proposes to do about her debt to us. It is unfortunate that the question has to be asked. It would be a much pleasanter thing if France had not waited to be asked. But when a debtor allows more than five years to pass without saying a word on the subject, it is time to say quite bluntly, Do you mean to pay and how do you mean to pay? And that is the question that Mr. Churchill has gone to Paris to put, politely, but I hope firmly.

It is an important question for him and for us. Last week I discussed the problem that faces Mr. Churchill as Chancellor of the Exchequer. I showed that the recovery of our trade and our prosperity depends on cutting down our cost of production, and that the first step in that direction is to cut down our enormous overhead charges which hang like a dead weight on industry. I indicated the directions in which it seemed to me that Mr. Churchill can reduce the national expenditure and lift the load of taxation that is stifling us.

BUT there is another side on which we must look to him for relief. He must increase our income by collecting our debts. What is the present position? It is simply this, that you and I and the whole body of British taxpayers are paying the interest on the money borrowed from us by France and our other European allies.

Let us look at this great matter a little in detail. Our national expenditure per annum, in round figures, is 800 millions sterling. Of that vast sum 350 millions, or not far short of half of the total, is paid as interest and redemption on debt, almost wholly war debt. Now 350 millions is equal to the whole of our revenue from income-tax at 4s. 6d. in the £, from super tax and from death duties. In other words, all our direct taxation, levied on an unprecedented scale, is swallowed up in paying interest and redemption on the money we borrowed for the war.

IF we had borrowed it all for ourselves we should have no complaint. But we did not borrow it all for ourselves. We borrowed nearly a third of it for France, Italy, and other allies. We not only lent our own money, but we borrowed from America on their account.

On all these loans the British taxpayer is paying interest. The annual sum taken out of our pockets to meet the debt incurred by us for our allies is in the neighbourhood of 100 millions, which represents 2s. in the £ on the income-tax. That is to say, out of every 4s. 6d. on income-tax that you pay, nearly half is in respect of the debts which our allies owe to us. They had the money from us, and we pay the interest for them.

What is the result? Where does this 100 millions come from? It comes from British industry. It is a first charge on our trade. It makes everything we manufacture, from a brick to a great liner, and from a steel rail to a row of houses, dearer. It increases the cost of living and the consequent cost of labour. It handicaps us in every market and is one of the chief causes of unemployment.

John Bull, in short, is in the position of a man starting out on a race who carries not only his own knapsack, but the knapsacks of his rivals. Can we wonder that as he sweats and groans and staggers along, his rivals forge ahead, get to his markets before him and capture the business that he used to do and that he would do again if his competitors carried their own burdens. It is time for us to call a halt in this mad race. If we do not do so and insist on readjusting the burdens we shall be put out of business altogether.

TAKE the case of France. She owes us nearly 700 millions. On that sum the British taxpayer is paying interest which represents something like 9d. in the £ on the income-tax. We have been paying that for five years and more, during a period of unparalleled depression in our trade and of almost unparalleled activity in French trade. So far there has not been a hint on the part of France that she intends to honour her debt, in respect either of principal or interest. She does not say that she cannot pay, for that would be transparently absurd.

France is a very rich country. She conducted the war on much more economical lines than we did. Our cost per head of the population was over £100; the French cost was £30 per head. She suffered much from devastations, but she has had priority in that respect in regard to reparations, and, on the other hand, she had a golden harvest from the presence on her soil during four years of two million English and American soldiers who left hundreds of millions of English and American money behind them in the hands of the traders and peasantry.

THE trouble with France is not lack of money, but dislike of taxation. As one Chancellor of the Exchequer said to me during the war, "France will give her blood, but she will not give her treasure." The people will not pay taxes, but go on lending money to the State at interest, and the more they lend the bigger the national deficit grows and the more insolvent their Exchequer becomes.

And the money that is lent to the Government is not spent in paying their debts but in great military enterprises that aim at making France dominant in Europe. She does not honour her debt to us, but she has lent vast sums to arm and equip the new states of Central Europe.

It is the British taxpayer who is really finding the money for these imperialistic enterprises, and it is the duty of Mr. Churchill to tell the French Government that the British taxpayer is tired of his French knapsack and must insist on being relieved of it, or at least of some part of it. M. Loucheur has said that France does not regard her debt as a commercial debt, but as a political debt, and had no intention of paying. If that means repudiation, we shall know where we stand. The consequences will be unpleasant for us. But M. Loucheur will find that they will not be pleasant for France in the long run.

The wonderful story of a wonderful man.

A RAR

A RECENT article of mine on slums and the shortage of houses brought me many letters describing evictions at Gillingham, on Clydeside, and many other places. They told of tenants who could not pay rent, of owners who could not or would not wait, of families ruthlessly turned out with their scanty bits of furniture into the winter rain and gales. They told how at Christmas time, at the season of good will among men, the only surprise provided by Santa Claus for thousands of little boys and girls—was their ejectment from the house they had known as home.

Lord, think of it! If they were *your* children! If it were *your* wife, sheltering *your* bairns from the January storms under the refuge of her thin shawl! The thought gives one to weep.

But it appears there are people to whom these distresses mean more than polite regret. I am now to tell you a story which reads like a Dickens carol. At Criccieth, in North Wales, a labourer, named Astley, had been ordered to leave the cottage in which he had been living with his wife and three children. Criccieth must be a primitive sort of place, for the labourer actually had the audacity to write to the local Council begging for temporary shelter in the Town Hall, and—here is a wonder still more surprising—his request was granted.

Behold then Mister Richard Astley, on a stormy morning of the Glad New Year, carrying the bits of sticks he was proud to call his "furniture" to the local municipal palace. Then picture to yourselves the encounter of his misery with a struggling little greengrocer named Elias Hughes, whose prodigious wealth had enabled him to build and furnish a house for the accommodation of summer visitors.

Here was Richard Astley without a roof to cover his wife and his bairns. Here was Elias Hughes with a house which was not likely to be wanted for several months to come. Such happy conjunctions occur. They occasionally happen in the East and West Ends of London.

There are families in Stepney who have found it convenient to vacate their share of a room in a stifling, insanitary slum, on the very same day when other citizens of London have been compelled to leave their mansion in Belgravia for temporary makeshift at the Hotel de Paris Monte Carlo.

Russia: Hushed-up Truth!

THIS striking article is the result of conversations with a man of wide culture who has lately been in Russia, knows the country intimately, and speaks the Russian language as easily as his own. It is an unbiased account of Bolshevik Russia.

by

"A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

Mr. A. A. Purcell, one of the Trade Union Delegates who visited Russia.

IN a few weeks' time there will be a fierce revival of Communist propaganda. The source of this revival will be the report of our British trade union delegates who recently visited Soviet Russia. I happen to know a good deal about that visit, and I propose to prepare the public mind both for the report and for the propaganda.

First of all let me warn the reader that nothing can be more dangerous to the stability of our institutions and to the prosperity of our trade than an ignorant and abusive attitude towards the Russian experiment. We must prepare ourselves, not for insults, but for argument.

During the last two years the Soviet Government has made prodigious strides towards industrial triumph. The difference between 1920, when Mr. Bertrand Russell published his brilliant and searching indictment of Bolshevism, and 1924 is as great as the difference between night and day, chaos and order, bankruptcy and solvency.

IF we pretend that this is not so, if we content ourselves by saying that *all* the trade union delegates were shepherded and befooled, we shall be playing into the hands of our Communists, whose chief report to democracy is that the *bourgeoisie* are always lying to it and deceiving it for their own selfish ends.

So great is Russian prosperity that it cannot long be hidden from the rest of the world. The sooner we make up our minds to face this truth, *and to examine it thoroughly*, the better for our peace.

The system in Russia may easily be explained. Wages are depressed to the lowest possible amount (Cabinet Ministers receive £20 a month), and the worker is compensated for these extremely low wages by a number of "benefits." For example, the lower the wage the lower the rent, and the lower the cost of food at the co-operative store. Moreover, many amusements are provided by the State free of charge to the worst-paid labourer, and at an exceedingly small charge to workmen in a higher category.

IN this fashion Russian industry is able to produce goods at a small cost. Wages form always the greatest charge in production, and the Russians, guided by brilliant and deep-thinking Jews, have reduced this charge to an absolute minimum.

Furthermore, while industry in Britain has to pay, in addition to high wages, enormous sums in taxation and rates, thus raising the price of goods to a point which makes their export very difficult, the Russian, having repudiated the vast debts of Tsarist Russia, levies a toll on industry so small that it is not worth mentioning.

It is quite possible, as Mr. Bertrand Russell prophesied even in his destructive criticism of Bolshevik policy, that Russian industrial prosperity may one day have no rival in the world except that of the United States. Mr. Russell condemned the absurdities of communism root and branch, but with astonishing prevision he said that if the Bolsheviks abandoned communism and adopted State socialism their industries would enjoy an unexampled prosperity.

THIS is what Russia has done. The Bolsheviks have set up a Board of Planning, and this Board develops Russian industry as thoroughly as Lord Leverhulme develops the soap trade; feeble industries are nursed with the profits of strong industries, and strong industries are every day being rendered more efficient.

It is quite certain, then, that the Communists and Socialists of Great Britain will very soon be proclaiming these facts to our democracy, and assuring it that Russia has established a worker's paradise. They will point out that *bourgeois* newspapers have been hushing up these facts for a matter of two years, and they will try to make our unemployed, and our overcrowded slum-dwellers, believe that every Conservative and every respectable and sane Labour politician is an enemy of the worker. The incitements to revolution will be fierce, reckless, and continuous.

HOW are those incitements to be met and countered? By examining the Russian experiment as a man of science examines a fact of Nature. On the surface Russia has succeeded in setting up an entirely new civilisation, and a civilisation which must profoundly influence the social and political life of Europe; but penetrate beneath the showy surface of that civilisation and what do we find? We find that it is a civilisation built up brick by brick on the enslavement of men.

The Russians have divided the proletariat into seventeen categories. Each man is badged, and badged for life. He is a prisoner of the State, and his cell is the category in which he is condemned by an *unelected tyranny* to serve a life sentence. He cannot strike for higher wages. He cannot express a criticism of the Government. He cannot buy a newspaper which is not subject to Government control.

There he is for life, a minute part in a gigantic mechanism, and he can no more feel the satisfaction of full manhood than a canary in a cage or a lapdog on a drawing-room rug can experience the thrill of the jungle. He is a man only in name, because he is not free.

NO great body of Britons would accept prosperity on such terms as these; but the Germans, who are docile to discipline and are sensible of the value of organisation, may very likely take what is good in this new Russian civilisation and use it to build up a freer State socialism in their republic, with the sole object of conquering the world for German industry. This is the greatest political menace of our time. In the opinion of those who know the facts, the next step in German policy will have enormous consequences, consequences which will affect the whole world.

We must watch Germany, and watch her closely; but our immediate task is to make it plain up hill and down dale that the industrial prosperity of Russia is founded upon slavery and low wages, and that under the Bolshevik idea of State socialism freedom has ceased to exist.

Communists will tell our democracy all about Russia's prosperity, but others must tell it about the low wages, the slavery, and the absolute tyranny of Soviet Government.

MAN!

by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

But the unusual feature of this story is that, stead of trying to make a profit out of Richard tley's need, as he should have done according the sacred law of Supply and Demand, Elias ghes actually tried to turn his advantage to other man's benefit by giving him the use of his new house and his new furniture without any rent at all! "You want a house for your children," he said to Astley; "I have one that I can't use. Why not use it?"

The law that Elias Hughes obeyed was a higher law than that which economists exalt as the Law of Supply and Demand. It is a Law which commands us to treat our neighbour as ourselves and to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us. But though this law wins lip service from all sorts and conditions of people, its application to the usages of daily life is so rare that the act of Elias Hughes fills us all with wonder.

here was a case lately where a most pious and istian lady was questioned about a large sion which she owned but never occupied. stood permanently empty in a district of Hull where homeless men who had fought, suffered, and bled for its defence, clamoured, crawled, and begged for house room. When appeal was made to the lady-owner's sense of right and human sympathy, she curtly replied that the house had been bequeathed to her by her father, and she supposed that "she could surely do what she liked with her own."

The Law that Elias Hughes obeyed evidently does not apply to the mind of that lady of Hull. Hers was that other and more common law which decrees that the distress of one's neighbour is the opportunity, not for foolish sentiment, but for quick and large profit.

There are societies in Britain which collect funds to instruct the benighted heathen in the principles of Jesus Christ.

I hope I am not guilty of impertinent interference in suggesting that they might appoint Elias Hughes of Criccieth to be one of their missionaries, and send him to preach the Law which he obeys to their wealthy patrons on the Stock Exchange and in Park Lane.

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MONKEY GLAND MENACE

by **PROFESSOR A. M. LOW**

IS the time coming when young men will be able to sell their youth to aged regenerates? This is the terrible prospect held out by medical science

AFTER they have wasted their physical substance in riotous living, rich old roués will be able to get a new lease of life by purchasing the youthful vigour of young men. That is the dread possibility of the future. And young men, under the pressure of unemployment and poverty, will barter their youth for money and the grey marks of old age.

This is the staggering prospect held out by the new "gland-grafting" cult. Many people now treat the "monkey-gland" idea as a joke, but there is every reason to believe that the laugh will be frozen on their lips with dread in the near future.

Certain of our larger hospitals have a panel of Class "A" men who are willing to sell pints of their rich, pure blood for transfusion to dying patients. There is a touch of nobleness in that transaction. But in the future, young virile men may sell their glands of youth for grafting on those decrepit old worn-outs who are rich enough to pay the price.

The result of such a terrible transaction will be that the wealthy old man will be made to live anew, while the young man will be able to take home to his wife a large sum of money and an artificially aged body in which the wells of youthful strength and virility are dried up.

THE grafting of life-endowing glands is not the madman dream that we have been tempted to regard it. Hundreds of live monkeys are being shipped over to this country from Bombay every week. They are to provide the glands for grafting on Europeans. The traffic began some months ago and has been steadily growing, so that during the last week or two 500 monkeys trapped in the Lucknow district have reached this country.

This new cult has now developed until human glands are in demand for grafting purposes. It has been discovered that death, as we know it, may not take place until some time after the heart has apparently stopped beating. Numerous cases have been recorded of "dead men" being "brought to life" by heart massage—a few years ago such men would have been certified as dead and duly buried.

THE point in these discoveries is that the glands of newly dead people are still full of life, and as such capable of being grafted on to living people who need "new life." Thirty years ago such a suggestion would have seemed absurd. To-day it is an accomplished fact. These wonderful glands are capable of being taken from dead people; they will retian their life for several hours, or even days, if specially preserved.

From the grafting of the living glands of dead people to the grafting of the living glands of living people is an obvious step. Think of the probabilities of evil that this opens up. All that a man hath, that will he give for his life. That being so, is it not right to assume that the inestimable benefit of rejuvenated faculties may be confined at first to those who can afford to pay large sums for the "glands of youth" of young but poor men?

The poor have delighted so often in the fact that their glorious health cannot depend upon money. The weak-chested, with money, can winter in France; the comfort and coddle of wealth can help the rich invalids but nothing can change chronic ill-health.

But now the case is altered. The man of vast wealth who is losing his bodily functions and becoming old—what would he pay to regain them all? What does he apparently pay now for health, in special baths, yachting trips and specialised medicines? What will he pay when he finds that even hair can be made to grow and all his body made to feel the burning ardour of youth?

Professor Low, the famous Scientist

And which would he rather have—a monkey gland, or a young man's healthy gland? If he had £20,000 to spend without inconvenience to his daily life, would he begrudge it?

So we may yet see the young man of the near future; hoping that a few years less will not matter, hoping that he will be the exception not to suffer; returning to his home with his pockets full of money but with the terror of old age as the only offering to make to his wife.

Is it right that the man who spends a working man's earnings for a month on one midnight dinner should be able to grasp again those faculties which high living may have lost him? Let us look to it that we and those to come will benefit and not lose by the research of our scientists at the present moment.

Aliens First!

British Seamen Starve while Lascars Thrive

by **JOSEPH COTTER, C.B.E.**
(President Amalgamated Marine Workers' Union)

I AM glad to see that JOHN BULL has again taken up the case of the British seaman who, unfortunately, has many grievances.

The real trouble is the fact that something like 40,000 Chinese, Lascar, Goanese and alien seamen are working on board British ships in jobs which Britons can do.

Time after time, as President of the Amalgamated Marine Workers' Union, I have pressed for better conditions for our seamen, but, with shipping companies whose chief desire seems to be to swell their profits by the employment of cheap labour, it is a difficult and uphill battle. Chinese labour on board British ships is almost dirt cheap. Arab and Lascar labour is not much dearer.

BRITISH seamen complain of the unfair competition with such men as these; they complain, too, of inferior food; of inadequate accommodation; of the lack of recreation facilities, and of the general conditions permitted to exist by the Board of Trade. The cubic space allowed for the accommodation of seamen is much less than is allowed in our prisons for convicts.

I ADMIT that certain improvements have been made in recent years in the big passenger liners. But the very disgraceful conditions, against which our seamen have protested year after year, remain practically unchanged on the small tramp tonnage steamers, which are the chief offenders as far as the comfort and health of our seamen are concerned.

Another scandal is that while nearly 40,000 Chinese and coloured seamen are at present working on British ships, there are nearly 30,000 British sailors out of work.

And now the latest bombshell is in Clause 2 of the Anglo-German Commercial Treaty recently signed but not yet ratified, which means that German seamen have equal rights to be employed with British seamen on British ships.

I appealed to the President of the Board of Trade for the purpose of persuading him to suspend the putting into operation of this clause. With my colleagues I pointed out that the rank and file, and even the officers and engineer officers, were practically unanimously opposed to the Government policy in this matter.

But the President of the Board of Trade was adamant. He refused to agree to any suspension of the objectionable clause.

THE present policy of the British Government gives no protection to British unions or their members, and leaves the wages and conditions obtained through union effort—and paid for out of the wages of British seamen—open to the attack of any shipowner who wishes to take advantage of the position. That, to me, is an impossible position for the workers of any industry to be in.

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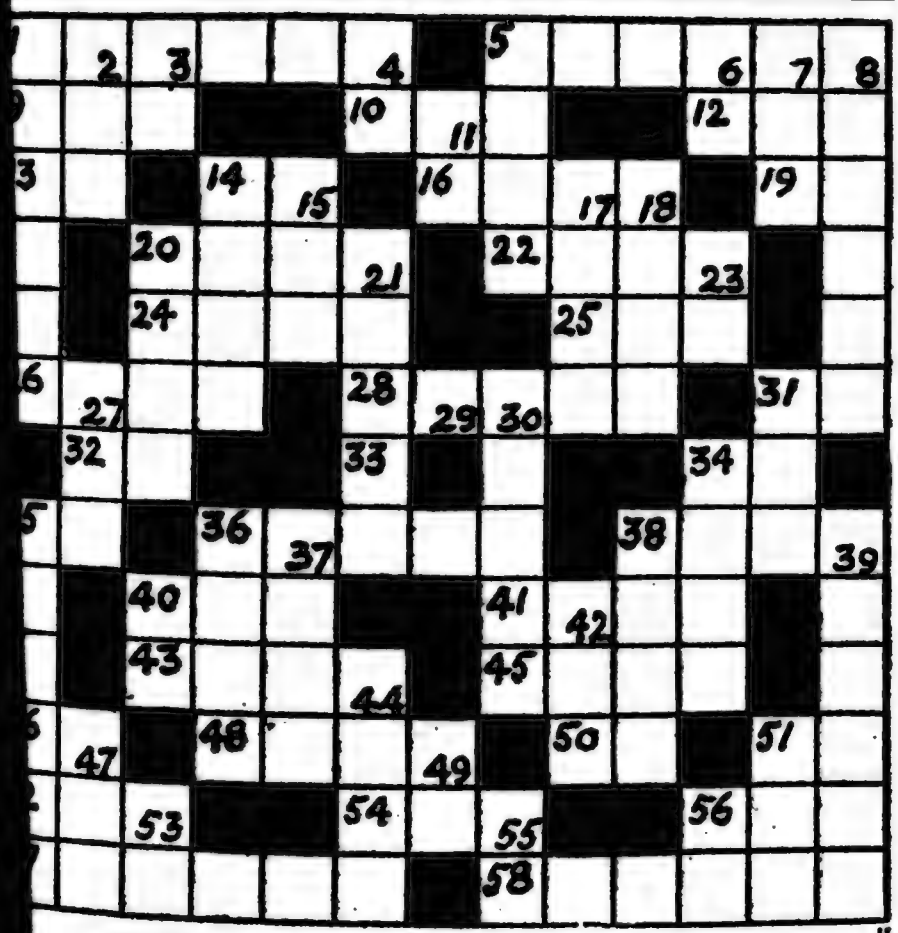

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Clues.

ACROSS.

1. Failure.
5. Cries out.
9. Give a weapon.
10. Left by a wheel.
12. Took a seat.
13. To live.
14. A swindle (slang).
16. The American lion.
19. Get away.
20. } Ourselves.
22. }
24. Crimean battle.
25. As well.
26. Naked.
28. Berlin is on it.
31. Because.
32. Solicitor's letter commences.
33. Very indefinite article.
34. Possessive pronoun.
35. Marmion's last word.
36. Base metal.
38. Ogle.
40. Counts low in cutting.
41. Where mankind began.
43. Catch.
45. Useful in hospital.
46. Starts anything.
48. Biblical country.
50. Oftener said than meant.
51. Little bit of heaven.
52. Pinch.
54. Desert one's party.
56. Skin blemish.
57. Fixed.
58. Land of the Rising Sun

DOWN.

1. A well-known Society.
2. Anger.
3. Asserts the individual.
4. Alternatively.
5. Knock your toe.
6. Ourselves.
7. A label.
8. Fourteen pounds twice.
11. Exalted.
14. Some say "Stops work."
15. Unit of resistance (electricity).
17. Silent.
18. A bitter medicine.
20. Ornamental (stone).
21. American twang.
23. Here it is!
27. A receptacle.
30. Kingly.
31. For ever.
34. Food.
35. Divide peoples.
36. A land measure.
37. A metal.
38. Floor covering.
39. Be sorry for.
40. In position.
42. Wrong.
44. Tiny hole.
47. Insect's egg.
49. Baby's early word.
51. Precedes and follows an egg.
53. Father.
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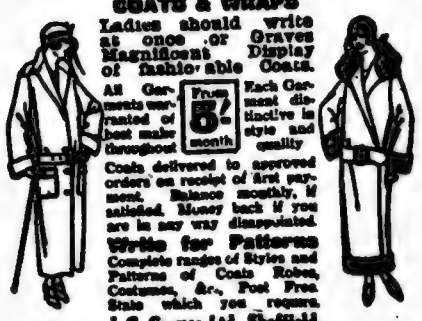

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Words Winged to Women

WOMAN'S DEAREST DREAM

by
COUNCILLOR CATHARINE B. ALDERTON, J.P.
(Deputy Mayor of Colchester.)

NOT long ago an elderly spinster of sixty appeared before a London Board of Guardians applying for relief. She was received with sympathy, for her case was a hard one, but there was a surprise when one of the Guardians asked her kindly, "Now is there anything more we can do for you?" and the woman replied, "Yes! Please find me a husband to keep me."

Councillor Mrs. Alderton, J.P.

The gentleman lightly replied, "All right, we'll do our best."

The promise may have been given in all seriousness, or it may have been uttered merely in jest. What matters is the lightness with which a woman of mature age, one who obviously had seen a great deal of the sorrow and seamy side of the world, could ask for an introduction to a stranger, who, so long as he was "willing," should become her closest companion throughout the rest of her life.

EVERY now and again some young fellow perhaps in Britain, or perhaps in some lonely outpost of the Empire, will intimate his desire for a wife, and no sooner is the information broadcast than hundreds of women of all ages write of their willingness to occupy the vacant post. While Mayor of Colchester I was asked to find for a lonely bachelor in England a good-looking bride between twenty-six and thirty years of age, and I was simply staggered at the rush of girls who immediately applied to me.

GIRLS in all sorts of fairly well paid occupations, clerks, typists, shop assistants and domestic servants wrote to me all willing to leave home, occupation, everything that is safe and certain, to become the wife of an unknown man! It is tragic that the inner meaning of true marriage should be so little understood, that so many girls should be willing to snatch at a straw to obtain a husband.

The desire for marriage, and a home of her own, is natural and right. It is the dearest dream of most young women, but surely the first essential for happiness on either side, is that something should be known of the contemplated partner.

Hasty marriages are, without doubt, the chief cause of much of the domestic unhappiness that later unfolds its sad tragedies in our courts.

It is not sufficient for married happiness and life-long companionship that a man should be willing to "keep" his wife. Where true marriage exists happiness continues in the partnership quite irrespective of the monetary ability of either. Many wives have to work in order to support an ailing or invalid husband and still are happy. Many women married to rich men know little of real home comfort.

The great essential for happiness in married life is that the two contracting parties should be agreed on vital principles of life and conduct, that they should have for each other a mutual love and respect that goes deeper than passion, and that, in addition, they should be temperamentally suited to each other's companionship.

FOR marriage is not a thing of moments or hours, it is "for better or worse" while life shall last, and how can a woman be sure of happiness with a man whom she has never so much as seen!

Life is hard for hundreds of our young women and girls. They have to struggle with their brothers in the labour market for existence. Very often their home life is crowded and uninspiring, and the thought of a little home of one's own may come to such as a vision of a haven of rest.

But life is too real and matter-of-fact to be built up on visions, and while the vision. For the safeguarding of their future happiness girls should beware of hasty and ill considered marriages.

How to Keep Well

Don't Catch Colds

Or Let Them Catch You!

by **A WIMPOLE STREET PHYSICIAN**

THE first thing to realise about a cold is that it is an infectious disease, quite as infectious as small-pox or scarlet fever.

A cold is a nuisance; but it is much worse than a nuisance. If there were fewer colds there would be less serious diseases about—less pneumonia, less bronchitis, less inflammation of the ear.

It has been calculated that in this country "common colds" cause an annual financial loss, in dissipated vital capital, of over £20,000,000.

And this takes no account of the misery, ill health, and even loss of life that may result from colds, and that cannot be measured in terms of mere pounds, shillings and pence.

The microbes that cause any infectious disease do not come floating through the air to alight upon some innocent person and so set up a disease. We all carry disease microbes with us every day, especially in our noses and throats, but if we keep fit and healthy the diseases do not result. Certainly, the microbes that cause the common cold can be found any day in the nose and throat of any one of us.

In order to "catch" a cold, another element is necessary in addition to the microbe. A chill, a draught, wet feet or damp sheets cause a lowering of the vitality of the body; some subtle chemical change is produced in the blood, and this makes the body sensitive to the microbes.

There is no need, in order to avoid catching colds, to muffle up the body with woollen underclothes and heavy overcoats when winter comes. The daintiest of ladies does not really need to discard silken undergarments for hated woollen ones in the winter-time.

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It is a great thing not to worry about catching cold. Don't always be wondering whether this or that will give you a cold. Worry does even more harm to you than a cold will.

The best preventive of colds in the winter is a good square meal in the middle of the day. For a person who has to earn his or her living by working all day a mid-day snack, such as a bun and a cup of tea, is the greatest of mistakes. It is seriously worth while to save money on something else in order to spend it on a really substantial mid-day meal.

Keep the body above par and you won't catch colds; let it get below par, and the microbes of the "common cold" seize their opportunity. Some people may find it necessary to take a tonic in order to keep above par in the winter. The best tonic—if you can take it—is cod liver oil or cod liver oil and malt after meals or at bed time.

A little burgundy—or burgundy and soda, if you find burgundy rather heavy, as some people do—taken with food, at each meal, even breakfast, is excellent for older people, but not for youngsters.

And if you do catch a cold, have a really hot bath, take a couple of aspirins with a glass of hot water, go early to bed, with a hot water bottle, and—with ordinary luck—you should be better in the morning.

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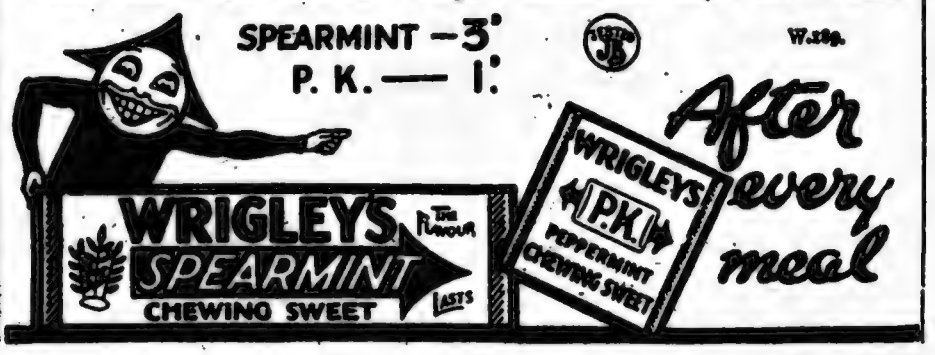

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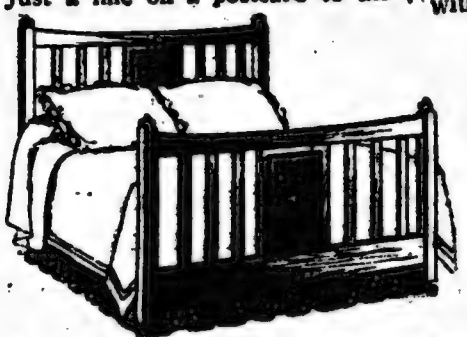

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The man who led her into trouble a thoroughly heartless wretch as soon as she was free, turned down and sought another victim s charms. For my own part I admit that I was not entirely eless in this tragic happening, I was so wrapped up in my ssion that I failed entirely to her the love and pleasure she ously expected of me.

URING the years we have been parted my wife has been engaged s town at her pre-marriage occun of manageress in a drapery lishment, and, with my perpn, has always had access to on and daughter. Her visits to in the last twelve months have e more frequent, and I can see she is deeply sorry for the step caused her to part from them myself. The children, too, de- in her visits and company. ast week she even went so far plead pathetically to me to her back, and swore that I never have reason to regret it.

TILL bear the same love for her hat I did on our marriage day, r that it would be an unwise step myself open to the same great for a second time in my life. n people, when consulted on atter, strongly advise me to a spinster friend of their own, they consider would make an nt mother to my children, and e to forbid my former wife ion to the house."

umanist" says: *Don't be a d allow your people to find a r you. Do what your own s urge you to do: marry the you love and give her and your what happiness you can. the surest road to finding your*

M a working-man's son now n my second year of residence f the Universities, and through fault have brought on the trouble from which ssing I should dearly like to note escape. This has come about through my association with of fellow-students whose re far beyond my own. the close of the last term tions my friends and I held to celebrate the coming of days, and on that occasion s took more drink than was The influence of the liquor s to enter into the ragging

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." In every case the name and address of the writer are suppressed so that the authors may not be identified. In cases that are too intimate or are not of sufficient interest to be helpful to others, correspondents must send stamped addressed envelopes if they wish to be answered through the post. Ten shillings is sent to each of the writers of the first three letters printed.

spirit, our intended victim being another of the party whose well-to-do father had sent him a hundred pound note as a present, the location of which we all knew.

"I was the one elected to play the role of "burglar," and the plan was for me to lift the note from his room, but to return it after our colleague had experienced dismay at its loss. The scheme worked out all right up to a point, but when the time came for me to produce the money I could not remember what I did with it on my return to my room, and up to the present I have been unable to discover how my drink-befuddled brain induced me to dispose of it.

"The present state of affairs then is that my friend is pressing me for its return while I have not a twentieth of the sum to meet the demands. My parents cannot help me, even if they knew of my present predicament; for it is only by great personal sacrifice that they are paying for my education."

"Humanist" says: *Tell your friends exactly what has happened: they, who suggested the rag, ought to help you in your difficulty. I presume that some of them, at least, have adequate means.*

Her Girl in Danger

"FOR a long time my daughter has been employed as general servant to a family living within a couple of miles from our home. Two years ago the wife, a woman of about thirty-five, died, leaving one little boy, and since that time our girl has carried on at the same work and has filled the place of mother to her employer's child.

"Six months after his wife's death the boy's father, who is still a young man of thirty-eight with a thriving tailoring business in this town, decided that my daughter should have much higher pay than she had formerly received, and this added payment has continued ever since.

"There is, I admit, little to be anxious about on the surface of things, but somehow I am afraid all is not as it should be. She and the widower stay together in the same house for all but the week-ends, but our girl returns home then and spends the time with our own family.

"Now, my husband is at present unemployed and in receipt of the "dole." We have younger children to bring up and it would indeed be foolish if I insisted on her quitting the service which is bringing in such good remuneration, providing all else is well. My women neighbours, who are fully acquainted with the details of the case, urge that it is a mother's duty to see that our girl's pay is as honestly earned as she would have us believe it to be.

"My daughter is a very good girl, and devoted to children. She has become deeply attached to her employer's little boy, and I am sure that the father is very grateful. But I do not impose implicit trust in him. Perhaps my experience of life has made me cynical. But a mother's instinct makes me restless."

"Humanist" says: *I certainly think you ought not to interfere, unless you have some much better reason than the mere suspicions you mention to me. You ought to know your own daughter; tell her of your anxieties and I think it most likely that she will at once dismiss them.*

Wife or Children?

"My fiancee tells me that if she is to have children when we marry she must first undergo an operation, which she dreads. I love kiddies. What is my duty?"

Leave the problem to the woman. If she loves you she will make any sacrifice necessary for your happiness.

A Husband's Credit.

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Afflicted Parent.

"When my baby lay dying, my husband went into a fit of raving madness through sorrow. He is still very ill indeed and does not know our only child is buried. I fear to tell him in case he goes completely mad. What can I do?"

It is for your doctor to deal with this matter: he will understand how best to break the blow. I think that grief so violent exhausts itself, and all may soon be well.

Black Peril.

"I am married to a black doctor, who was kind at first. He is now acting as an agent in divorce cases and makes me play the part of a vampire in his "frames-up" for women who want to get rid of their husbands. How can I rescue him from his terrible work?"

It is, I should say, impossible to redeem a blackguard like your husband. My advice is to leave him—and cut your losses. I daresay you will not find it difficult to get evidence for a divorce.

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Looking Towards Lincoln—A Tip for Newbury—Rosemary-100 to 8

I HAVE just finished looking through the entries for the Lincoln, and I would not mind taking a little wage that more than half of the 900,000 men and women who make up JOHN BULL's pub ic have spent an interesting quarter of an hour in a similar manner. The ladies, by the way, are almost as interested in racing nowadays as their menfolk.

Good 'Uns and Bad 'Uns.

As I expected, the cracks, Parth, Beresford, Condover, together with the good handicappers, Jarvie, Pasha, Dawson City, Dinkie, Tranquillette, and Grave Fairy are there. In the crock line we have L.S.D., Gu'n a Stamp, Golden Hope, Piper's Son, and Mousetrap. Most of these should be on offer round about 200 to 1, but in the ante-post lists you will find them in the thirty-threes.

Weights and Acceptances.

The weights are due on January 29, he acceptances a week later. It is foolish to say much until these are in our possession, but I hope to keep you interested with gossip week by week and let you know how the fancied horses are progressing. I am also in a position to obtain first-hand information regarding the French horses which I shall pass on to you.

A Note for Newbury.

On Friday and Saturday this week there is a two-day fixture at Newbury. Mr. O. W. Rayner, who is a member of the executive, likes to win on the Berkshire course, and it will probably pay to follow his colours. Guidance—10 to 1—did his stable a good turn at the last meeting.

Back to the Book.

There have been several more or less official "missions" from this country to France to study the working of the Pari Mutuels, but now there is a French deputation coming to see how the book works here. Pari au Livre, they call it, and they have plenty of big men who want it recognised on and off the course once more.

Rosemary—100 to 8.

Some so-called sportsmen are always willing to hurl a brick at me if they get half a chance. Consequently, I was not surprised to receive one or two letters asking me why I had coded Rosemary on January 2, at Manchester, when the filly fell at the first hurdle at Manchester on January 1. I coded Rosemary because I knew she was capable of winning a two-mile hurdle race and had been backed to do so. My judgment was not far out. Owing to her fall Rosemary did not meet her engagement on the second day at Manchester, but she went on to Birmingham on January 6, and won at 100 to 8.

Anti Ante-Post Betting.

If prices are anything to go by, the big Northern bookmakers anticipate a Manton double at Epsom this year. With the two famous Classics five months off, the odds offered are absurd.

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THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS

Hurst Park, Wednesday,
KING PIPPIN, WANDERING MONK

Thursday,
RUDDYGLOW, FITZPICTON.

Newbury, Friday,
READING, BILLY BECK.

Saturday,
MOUNT ETNA, FELTHAM HILL.

Bare Feet Beat the Field.

R. Payne trains a good old slave at Heathencote, who won at Birmingham. In the paddock I noticed the twelve-year-old was minus plates and, as a matter of fact, the gelding ran barefooted. Possibly, Payne thought he would be surer-footed as a sharp night frost had followed the heavy rains. Trainers are always up to clever dodges, and no doubt some of the old-timers will remember Grudon's Grand National which was run in a snowstorm. Before the race Grud n's trainer packed the horse's hoofs with butter.

Five Races—Twenty Runners!

I did not find the racing at Tenby very exhilarating. The first day's programme of five races produced twenty runners, and these were not of much account. This little Welsh meeting is not taken too seriously by backers, but to the locals it institutes a joy week, and they go all out. The Tenby races date back over seventy years, and in those good old days the executive did not worry much in defining distance. A race would be two or three times round the course and over eight or ten flights of hurdles. Tenby's fame, of course, is due to the fact that it is the birthplace of the brothers Rees and the brothers Anthony.

Jack Anthony, one of the famous horsemen born at Tenby.

Not Qualified to Run.

The fastest quadruped I saw at Plumpton was a hare which tore down the course in Ardeen's race at ninety miles an hour. At the same meeting last year, which I also witnessed, a hare and a rabbit joined in the sport, much to the amusement of the onlookers.

Expensive Soccer Players Going

FORECASTS FOR JANUARY 24.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.—*Birmingham, *Bolton W., Leeds U., *Liverpool, *Newcastle, Sheffield U., *West Bromwich, West Ham.
AWAY WINNER.—*Notts Co.
DRAWS.—*Blackburn v. Huddersfield, *Spurs v. Sunderland.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.—Blackpool, Bradford C., *Chelsea, *Derby Co., *Hull City, *Leicester C., *Manchester U., Southampton, S. Shields.
AWAY WINNER.—The Wednesday.
DRAW.—*Port Vale v. Stoke.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.—Bristol R., *Exeter C., *Newport, *Norwich C., *Reading, *Southend, *Swansea.
AWAY WINNER.—Plymouth.
DRAWS.—Brentford v. Swindon, *Gillingham v. Brighton, *Millwall v. Bristol C.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.—Ashington, Doncaster R., Durham C., *Grimsby T., *Halifax, Hartlepools, *Nelson, *New Brighton, Rochdale, *Southport.
DRAWS.—*Crewe v. Darlington.

SCOTTISH CUP.
(Probable short list ties.)
HOME WINNER.—*Hibernians.
DRAWS.—*Third Lanark v. Celtic, *Falkirk v. Morton, Ayr U. v. St. Johnstone.
(For coupon purposes nap selections are marked with an asterisk.)

THE position of Burnley, who have threatened to offer the whole of their first team for sale, should be a warning to clubs who are inclined towards frenzied finance.

Since the war Burnley have made two or three expensive purchases—they are understood to have given as much as £5,000 for Hill—and now are faced with the problem of reducing a heavy overdraft at the bank, due to decreasing attendances.

There is, of course, no suggestion of a financial crisis, since a large sum could be obtained by the transfer of their half-dozen best men, but it looks as if the directors have decided to adopt a new policy and find their own footballers.

In Debt to Banks.

It need not be taken for granted that Burnley is the only big club which owes money to the bank. A couple of seasons ago the manager of one of the oldest clubs in the country almost left me gasping when he mentioned his club's indebtedness, and I was left wondering what would happen were the money suddenly demanded.

There are, of course, securities against these loans, but it seems to me that generally the day of the expensive player is nearly over. Several clubs can afford to give thousands to get any particular man they want, but, curiously enough, the wealthy clubs do not throw their money about. The Spurs and Aston Villa are cases in point.

Is it Worth it?

Again, is this craze on the part of some clubs for the readymade player really worth it?

It has done Burnley no good, and what have Sunderland accomplished since just after the war? They went into the market and attempted to get a great team through the medium of a cheque book?

On the contrary, at no time in recent years have the clubs who discover their own talent done so well as they are doing at the moment.

West Bromwich has about the cheapest team in the League and very nearly the best one as well.

Next English Team.

The next English team is not required until the end of February, but the Selection Committee at present has only a hazy idea as to what it will be.

With about four exceptions, there are somewhere about three dozen players

First Big Flat Race

—A Barefooted Winner—Sansovino's Brother

Sansovino and a Young Brother

Some of the retailers of fiction who have strayed into Turf journalism are already talking of the wonderful things Sansovino is likely to do as a four-year-old. Take it from me that no one will be more surprised than the stable if Sansovino stands another season in training. Take it also that Sansovino has a young brother who did not run last season, but may turn out to be a great three-year-old. I mean Domenico.

PADDOCK PARS.

Seven favourites scored at Tenby. Not so bad out of ten races.

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I hope the new gate first tried at Manchester will be adopted for the flat-racing season. The tapes fly away from the horses. Caught in the tapes should be a bugbear of the past.

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Be on the look-out for George Crag, fourth in the Victory Hurdle at Manchester.

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Jimmy Hogan has acquired a nasty habit of breaking collar-bones (his own). He is back in the saddle once more.

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"Do horses suffer from nerves?" was a headline which recently caught my eye. They may, but not so badly as some of their backers.

JUMPERS TO FOLLOW.

Pomminnetta.—Major Doyle trains this daughter of Pommern, and she is pretty sure to pick up a two-mile selling hurdle race before long. The filly has missed two or three engagements recently.

Venetian Rose.—The conditions at Plumpton were terrible, and many fancied horses returned to their stables without facing the starter. I noticed Venetian Rose running very well in the Rivelsfield Hurdle Race. The four-year-old is owned by Billy Allden, the bookmaker, and is certain to score soon.

Mintball.—I also made a note of Mintball at Plumpton. The gelding finished second to Japspear, and might have won but for nearly running out. Mintball is by the Derby winner, Spearmint.

Ganzey.—My selection for the Victory Hurdle at Manchester finished second to eight, and was one of the unlucky ones of the race. This Irish importation has been sent to D. Harrison, at Tenby, and will capture a number of races for his new trainer.

Double Chance.—I coded Double Chance for the Smethwick Handicap Chase at Birmingham, a race he won cleverly from Mr. Madcap. The rest of the field was tailed off. Double Chance has won four of his last five races and should still be followed.

Hong Kong.—H. Turner, who trains in the south, sent Hong Kong to compete in the Victory Hurdle, at Manchester, but owing to the bad state of the going he decided not to start the horse. Hong Kong will annex a good handicap.

St. George II.—I considered St. George II very unlucky to lose to Trentino at Manchester. He had a good lead when he blundered at a fence. St. George has turned up twice this season at long prices and should not be missed in spite of his failure at Gatwick.

Regicles.—Will be popping up soon, most likely at 100 to 8.

Tibet.—A little each way on Tibet for Maiden Hurdle races should show a profit, and the gelding is quite likely to be returned at long odds. So far this season, Tibet has not been out of the first three.

No Worry.—I think there is a long-distance hurdle race to be won by this Irishman. He ran third at Manchester and fourth at Birmingham. The next time may pay for all.

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A Lesson to Extravagant Clubs

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...on's Big Test.

...y nearly the most important League ... this week-end will be at Sunderland. ...st Bromwich Albion can get a point ...oker it will considerably increase ... chances of the championship.

And I am going to tip Bolton to win at Nottingham, hoping they will have their full forward line out, in which case they will give the excellent County defence something to think about.

All the leaders in the Second Division are away from home, but it seems to me that Manchester United, Derby County and Leicester City all have bright chances of picking up further points, but I am not so sure about Chelsea beating the Wednesday. It all depends whether Wilson (George) can stop Wilson (Andy).

The Rangers and Airdrieonians, who still head the Scottish League, don't seem to have anything to worry about, and the former might get quite a lot of goals against Queen's Park.

WEEK-END COUPS.

Coups for this week-end are:—

7 HOME.—Wolves, Bristol C., Swindon, Nelson, Chesterfield, Airdrieonians, Rangers.

5 HOME.—Swindon, Brighton, Bristol C., Airdrieonians, Rangers.

3 AWAY.—Bolton W., Manchester U., Swansea.

3 DRAWS.—Manchester C. v. Liverpool, Bournemouth v. Gillingham, Aberdeen v. Partick T.

3 HOME, 3 AWAY.—Nelson, Swindon, Rangers, New Brighton, Celtic.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Rangers, Manchester U., Arsenal v. Newcastle.

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Home, Sweet Home.

Miss Sybil Thorndike's views on married women and a career have once again raised that important question. I think that no woman should look for a so-called career outside the home, for the simple reason that the care and management of the home is in itself *the* career that every normal woman seeks. Only when the man fails, from whatever cause, to provide the necessary wherewithal, should it be considered morally or legally right for the married woman to desert the home in pursuit of a money-making career.—"*Home-bird.*"

Female Competition

The cases for and against women going out to work were put very sensibly by Miss Sybil Thorndike. In a time like the present, when trade is bad and there is not enough work to go round, no woman who can afford to follow a home career should go out to work, if, thereby, she prevents a man from coming "off the dole." The dole itself, and the receipt of it, is damaging the self-respect and making thousands of fine fellows unhappy. Their families—self-sacrificing wives and bonny children—are being kept on the poverty line. Why should job-hunting women accentuate their distress?—*R. M. H., Thornley.*

Fifty-fifty Marriage

I am interested in Miss Sybil Thorndike's article on marriage as a full-time job for women, and particularly appreciate her point that the modern woman wants, first and foremost, to be considered as an individual. But I think, too, that the modern man is also beginning to realise this, and to appreciate the fact that the woman he marries is able, if necessary, to earn her living outside the home. That is why there are, to-day, very many instances of happy marriages—at which our grandmothers would have been horrified—in which each partner works independently of the other, yet for their mutual good.—*H. M. T., Chatham.*

Let Hubby Decide.

The woman that does not want the "drudgery" as Miss Thorndike puts it should not require the pleasures obtained by marriage. Let her sex and mother instinct lie dormant, and not want to "take the sweets and leave the sours." What man is there that likes to see his wife at the beck and call of any employer? The husband is the one most fitted to judge this question. It is logical for an actress to talk in the strain of her article but the working men she refers to, working in the mills, would rather their wives were at home, did circumstances permit. House-keeping is not "drudgery" to the wife who enters the marital state in the right spirit, she derives pleasure from managing the household. The wife that is not satisfied with the career opened out to her the day she is married, has not found the right partner.—J. S., *Wigan.*

Love in a Barn.

Rose Witcop's article is splendid. Birth Control knowledge is a blessing for poor working mothers. Since adopting the methods, my life is altogether brighter. My husband is a farm labourer; we can afford few pleasures, so our greatest joy is that of living together. We have two children and live in a barn at present. If we were to have another child our "home" would be broken up.—*Mrs. G. Q., Wisbech.*

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Birth Control or War?

Hitherto, war has been the antidote to over-population. In future, universal birth control can be made to solve this problem. Birth control may not be "natural"; neither is war. But wide-spread and reasonable practice of the former would abolish the horrors and suffering of the latter. Undoubtedly, birth control would mean a healthier race—and one that need not be sacrificed in a clash of arms.—*A., Battersea.*

Control Immorality!

If birth control will become general, it will be one of the most potent methods to open the sluices of immorality and flood the country with vice in its most virulent form. Is it not fear of consequences that preserves the chastity of thousands of our young girls? Remove that fear, and thousands will fall victims to the passions of licentious men. In time birth control will normally increase the number of unfaithful wives, and will create much indifference to the sanctity of the marriage amongst our women.—*J. R. W. (Glasgow).*

Sex Gratification.

If marriage is not consecrated actually in life, it is more or less legalised immorality, with the wife the victim of the husband's lust. Ideally, no child would be born without the passionate desire of *both* parents. Men may be fathers at any age, but women cannot be mothers after a time. Hence the wife's desire for children, not the husband's for gratification, should determine the population problem. What is rarely discussed, but surely could be, modestly, is the question whether married men should continue sex-gratification when the wife is past child-bearing age.—*G. H. B., Norfolk.*

A. B. C. of Birth Control

I wonder if your readers think with me that the appalling conditions under which some people are now living are in themselves a silent advocate for birth control amongst the poorer classes. My husband, after long war service was out of employment for two years, but, as we were childless, I went into business again, and we kept out of debt without help from anyone. We love children—and when we can afford to have children who will be a joy to us and sons of whom Britain might be proud we hope to have them.—*Mrs. Brent, London.*

Is God Blind?

I have read with much deep feeling your article "The Tragic Bride." There are thousands who ask "What is the use of Life?" And what is the use of life to the poor struggling human wrecks who are crawling through each day to death? It is because there is no material happiness or comfort open to them that they become blind and deaf to spiritual solace. It would seem that there is much for the church to remedy in the material sense before they can hope to be universally accepted in things spiritual.—*Scepticus, Mile End.*

Where Bolshies are Bred

"Housing horrors in the slums remain the biggest blot on the nation." Prebendary Carlile has given us a few terrible instances of the conditions prevailing in the Black Holes of Britain. Glasgow has a reputation, rightly or wrongly, of breeding "Wild Men," but when these same "Wild Men" see the horrible conditions in which a large portion of the community are forced to live and die, the wonder to me is that they are not more wild, but able to restrain their temper. Clear the slums, shackle the food profiteers, and political extremists will soon become tame.—*J. M. C. Kerrell, Glasgow.*

Firms Without Souls

I wonder if the writer of the article under this heading knows how the great railways of Britain treat their servants after years of faithful service. One man who was forty-five years on the old Midland Railway (sixteen years as a man) was pensioned off on 4s. per week, to get this he had to contribute something each week from his large wage. I believe the foremen are better treated now, but the men are just the same, on the scrap-heap after half a century of faithful toil on a small wage, 4s. per week pension. The old Great Central Railway have treated their old servants a little better. They have to retire at sixty-five years and they get a pension of 10s. to 14s. per week until they reach seventy.—*A Reader, Nottingham.*

Shearing Shylock.

There can be no question that Mr. Parry's strictures on the evils of money-lending are deserved and timely. Nevertheless, there is a case for the proper lending of money to tide over sudden and anxious contingencies. I maintain that the only way to remove the leech sucking harpies who enrich themselves on the sorrows of their fellow-creatures is to license every moneylender only after strict investigation, and for the State to fix a scale of fair interest charges. The penalties for abuse of moneylending must be severe, including imprisonment, for are not the extortions often no better than common thieving?—*F. M., Aylesbury.*

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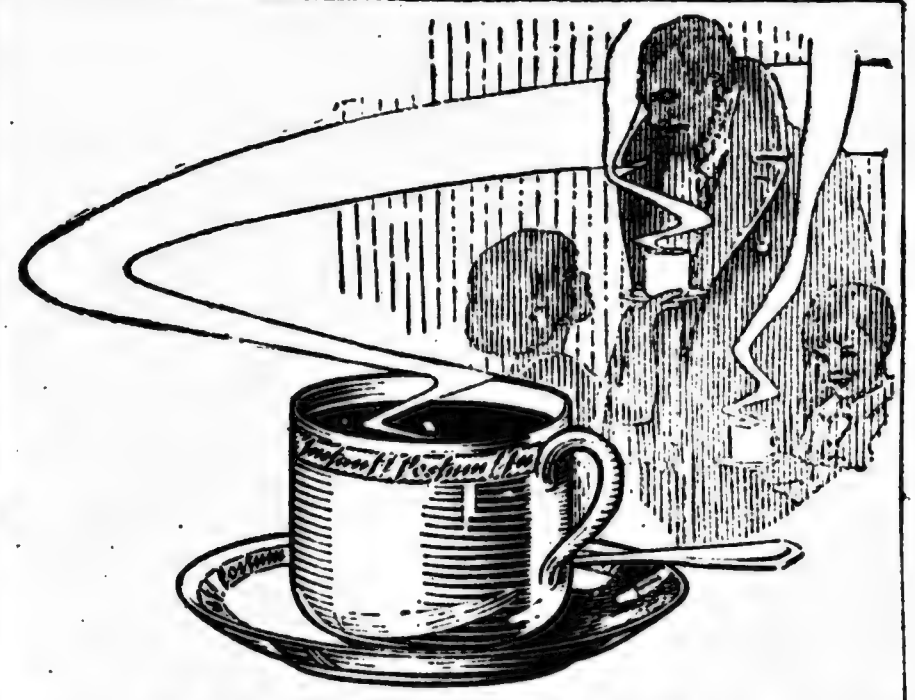

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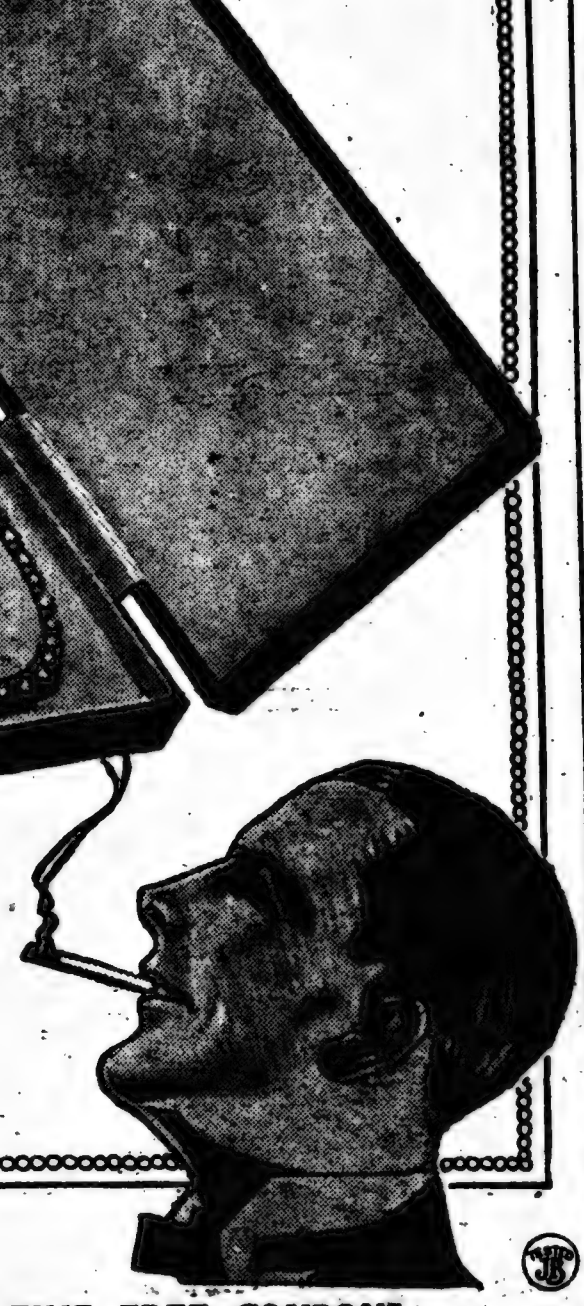

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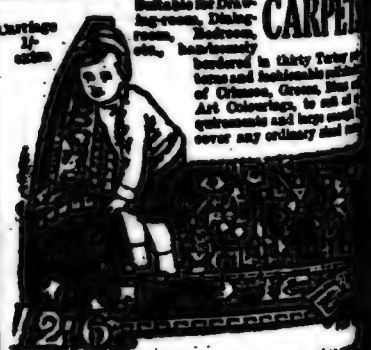

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Adding An H.F. Amplifier

by MICHAEL EGAN

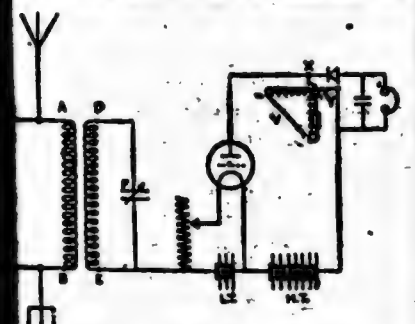
THE problem of adding a high-frequency amplifying valve to a set is slightly complicated by the that, unless due precaution is taken, erference may be experienced. A h-frequency valve, in effect, increases sensitivity of your aerial; but in king your aerial more sensitive to als which you desire to hear, it also es it more sensitive to signals which may not desire to hear.

When using a high-frequency valve, efore, it is always advisable to work a "selective" circuit: that is, a uit that can be tuned so as to eliminate anted signals.

n inductively coupled circuit, such as hown in the accompanying diagram, he best for the purpose. The coil shunted by the variable condenser C, connected between the aerial and h. A second coil DE, shunted by a nd variable condenser F, is con-ed across the grid and filament of valve.

hese coils should, preferably, be of the -in type. Tuning is effected by ns of the two variable condensers, by altering the distance between two coils.

variety of methods can be adopted the purpose of coupling this high-ency valve to the crystal or valve tor with which it is used. In the it shown here, this is effected by



s of a "tuned anode," the tuning done by a variometer V. The meter, it will be seen, is connected ies with the plate (or anode) of the and the positive pole of the H.T. ry, whilst across it are shunted a l detector and phones.

latter, again, is shunted by a small condenser. The tuning of this circuit is, of course, carried out by g the handle of the variometer.

tead of a variometer, a tuned circuit r to the aerial or grid circuit shown same diagram, may be used effec-on the anode side of the valve, *i.e.*, it composed of a coil and a variable nser. The two ends of this coil be connected to the points X and ny other kind of coil may also be yed in the anode circuit. Trans-rs and "resistance couplings" are sed for the purpose of connecting a requency valve to a detector unit. t be desired to couple the high-ncy valve to a detector valve *via* nsformer, the primary winding of ansformer should be connected to ints X and Y, the secondary winding connected across the grid and fila-of the detector valve.

erring to the diagram, the selective teristic of this circuit will be iated when it is observed that , before reaching the phones, have through three tuned circuits.

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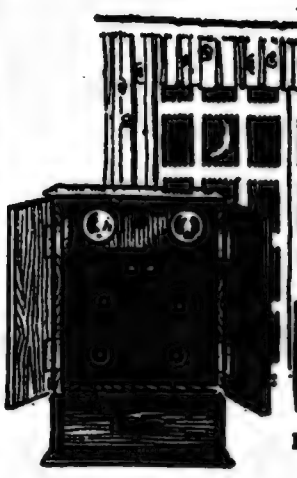

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T. L. (Bridgnorth).—"Money-lenders are the scum of the earth!" Owre!

F. F. (Stoke).—"What a pity we can't be born without teeth!" We are!

P. H. (Dorstone).—"I drink very little alcohol nowadays." We quite agree—it *is* mostly water.

R. N. (Portsmouth).—"A man's place is beside his own fire-side." Yes, until spring-cleaning starts.

B. C. (Dalmeny).—"There's no fool like an old fool." Then you must be almost a centenarian.

L. B. (Luton).—"I should hate to lose my good name." Then don't have it stamped on your umbrella.

H. T. (Meltham).—"A man gains a lot by really looking at life." And loses a lot by "seeing" it too much.

T. B. (York).—"I always sleep eight hours every night." Sorry, but we have no vacancy for a night-watchman.

B. M. (Leigh).—"How can we wake up the Government departments?" How about telling them it's tea time?

A. G. (Luton).—"So as you see I'm faced with two evils." Then choose the one that will give you most pleasure.

T. M. (Lyndhurst).—"I've got a new evening dress that is simply a poem." If it's like some we've seen it's a perfect epigram.

T. T. (Hendon).—"I can't understand why picture producers are blind to art." Probably because they have a film before their eyes.

C. M. (Goole).—"We do a lot of listening-in at our house." These thin walls have their advantages sometimes, haven't they?

R. H. (Newcastle).—"I can't imagine how some women keep their ridiculous little hats on their heads." Vacuum pressure, probably.

A. L. (Brixton).—"I was called upon to make the first speech at our New Year's Dinner." Yes, but can you remember who made the last speech?

B. C. (Harwich).—"You cannot, for instance, imagine a hatter not wearing a hat." And why not? Aren't tailors always cutting out clothes?

F. A. (Hagley).—"When I come to think of it, where does knowledge lead to?" If you ever do come to think of it or of anything else—you'll know.

R. P. T. (Culter).—"I wish I could get out of the bad habit of saying, 'Well, well, . . .'" Well then, you should jolly well leave well well well alone.

"THRILLED" (Corton).—"Not many women of nearly forty get engaged," Apparently they find it difficult, when they're getting on, to get off at the same time.

H. T. (Louth).—"I find it very hard to get my breath." A doctor will soon stop that.

S. S. (Darlington).—"I'm thinking seriously of matrimony." Quite right—it's no joke.

W. T. (Crewe).—"I'm no retailer of gossip." Heavens! Don't say you're a wholesaler!

L. K. (Southend).—"I'm simply coining money now." We promise not to tell Scotland Yard.

W. W. (Chelsea).—"Women like men of few words." Not since the advent of the cross-word puzzle.

O. N. (Leek).—"Although stone deaf I have heard a jazz band on the wireless." You have our sympathy.

P. T. (Wigan).—"Would you be mad if I asked you for a loan?" No, but we should be mad if we consented.

G. R. (Blackburn).—"Everything I have accomplished I owe to myself." How nice to be so free of debt!

G. A. (Epping).—"Is it correct to pronounce the first 'g' in singing and similar words?" Gno, certainly gnot.

R. P. (Weston).—"My doctor has advised me to keep away from tobacco." Better buy a nice long cigarette holder then.

"CRITIC" (W.1.).—"Actors are very careless in putting on make-up." But the good actor always knows where to draw the line.

D. H. (Sedbergh).—"I haven't made any new resolutions this year." Got a lot of unused ones left over from last year, we expect.

E. C. W. (Ryton).—"Experience proves that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." We regret that your latest bulletin shows you are still on the danger list.

W. B. (Hampstead).—"What happens to old railway carriages when they are too far gone to repair?" Good heavens, man!—haven't you ever been in a Seaside Excursion train?

G. A. (Acton).—"If I were you I'd have more sense." Undoubtedly.

B. H. (Reading).—"None of my friends are really trumps." Then discard them.

K. C. (Brighton).—"There's usually something about a married man." His wife.

C. H. (Colchester).—"I've turned over a new leaf this year." Better paste it down to make sure.

S. M. (Brighton).—"During the war I got malaria." Cheer up!—you might have got the O.B.E.

S. T. (Bedford).—"I am having the telephone installed in my new house." Bang goes your happy New Year.

L. L. (Chelmsford).—"I suppose you know lots of your readers personally?" Unfortunately, no; thank Heaven!

F. G. (Chester).—"Even the bare necessities of life have risen enormously." And even when you get it, it isn't worth drinking.

S. P. (Shrewsbury).—"People can't always remain young." But a good many of them remain childish for quite a long time.

N. G. (Eltham).—"I've made up my mind to marry my typist." Don't be silly. She'll still take you down when you dictate to her.

C. L. (Southampton).—"I'm determined to climb high in the world." Then you will, curiously enough, have to keep on the level.

T. R. (Chertsey).—"It is better for a girl to use too little paint and powder than too much." Certainly; discretion is the better part of pallor.

F. W. (Lewes).—"I think it's very undignified for a Lord Mayor to go in for a skipping contest." But it was bound to have a good effect on the Corporation.

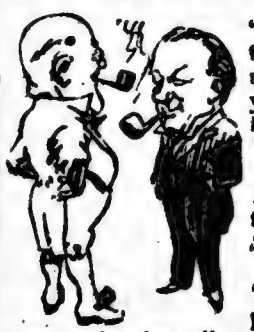
V. S. (Bradford).—"It seems to me that cooking is essentially woman's work." Which is probably the origin of the saying that a woman's work is never done.

Imaginary Talks.

Mr. Baldwin and the Pigs

THE SHOWMAN: "Good afternoon, Mr. Baldwin."

MR. BALDWIN: "Ah, the very man I want to see! What do you mean by talking about 'our revered Prime Minister communing with his pigs,' you rascal?"



THE SHOWMAN: "Oh, no reference to the cabinet meetings, I assure you! Just a playful little article on 'Harmless Hobbies' that A. A. Thomson wrote for this week's *Passing Show*."

MR. BALDWIN: "H'm, his ideas of politicians' hobbies seem rather hazy."

THE SHOWMAN: "But not so delightfully hazy as 'The Unforgettable Journey' that Oliver Stewart laughs over in the same number. He says the fog was so thick that the policemen on point duty rested by leaning up against it."

MR. BALDWIN: "Another fairy tale, of course."

THE SHOWMAN: "Pardon me, my dear Prime Minister, but Ben Travers is our fairy tale expert. You should really read his rollicking 'revised version' of Aladdin. And when you've finished laughing you can meet Aunt Majolica on page 18."

MR. BALDWIN: "Aunt Majolica!"

THE SHOWMAN: "The editor of 'Girlish Gushings,' you know. According to that wag Dudley Clark, she is out to 'lend a helping hand to those who skid on the tramlines of life's highway.'"

MR. BALDWIN: "Your contributors seem to be a lively crew, Mr. Showman."

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MR. BALDWIN: "Ha! Ha! Send the *Passing Show* along and I'll be happy to oblige you!"

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L. D. (Peckham).—"If yours is a good paper I'm an idiot." Well, ours is a good paper.

A. H. (West Bromwich).—"If I win a *Bullets* £250 I'm going to get married." What'll you do if you win this week's £500—commit bigamy?

B. C. (Battle).—"There's no advantage in being a fool." Well, you wouldn't be lonely for one thing.

S. Y. (York).—"My husband has never once said a harsh word to me." What a cautious man!

CLARA (Bradford).—"I've made up my mind to marry." That's one method. Many a girl makes up her face.

W. S. (Newcastle).—"Nobody can say JOHN BULL is a drug on the market." But we're as good as medicine, for all that.

W. B. (Hook).—"Many a girl's face is her fortune!" Naturally, seeing the amount some of them spend on their faces.

G. T. (Annesley).—"The dentist says I have a large cavity that needs filling." Any special course of study recommended?

D. M. (Blackburn).—"I will say for my gardener that's he's a gentleman." We'll say more for ours—he's a gentleman of leisure.

L. B. (St. Albans).—"I know a couple who didn't speak to each other for five years and then got a divorce." What on earth for?

T. N. (Ayr).—"I'm writing this for the benefit of posterity." If you'd gone on much longer your audience would have been here.

S. F. (Bedford).—"I wonder what would happen if sometimes my wife and I agreed on anything." You would be wrong.

E. P. (Oldham).—"You should just see my baby putting his feet in his mouth." Glad to hear of someone who's managing to make both ends meet.

G. H. T. (Sudbury).—"As a commercial traveller, he doesn't know the ABC of his profession." Then we expect people say DEF to his appeals.

C. C. (Leicester).—"Although I'm an optimist I seem to get the worst of it every time." But if you're really an optimist you'll make the best of it.

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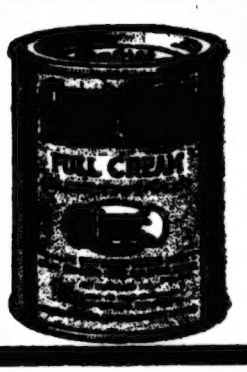

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IN LIFE'S SCHOOL
BEGINNING EARLY
ALL I GET
COMING OUT
WILLING TO LEARN
WHAT THE BURGLAR SAID
A WRECK
EMPTY
LITTLE LOVE
WHAT FATHER DOES
FOR OTHERS
UNDER THE TABLE
MATRIMONIAL HANDICAP
LIKE A CAT
FAITHFUL SERVANT
WHAT SHE WEARS
BY REQUEST
AT FIRST SIGHT
A WASH-OUT
GETTING HAND IN
WISE CUSTOMER
IF IT'S RAINING
A FLAPPER'S DREAM
SOOTHING
IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS
MAN UNDERNEATH
COLD WATER
HUSBAND AND WIFE
FIT FOR ME
AFTER HER
WHAT IS A CAR?

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, January 22.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

(549) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed _____
Address _____

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, January 22.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

(549) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, January 22.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

(549) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed _____
Address _____

If you desire to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 550.

OUR BREAD—WHAT WE'RE ASKING—A CHILD—AGE OF WOMAN—TAKEN OUT—TIME TO PLAY—COMFORTING—BEGINNING AT HOME—SEEMS FUNNY—WHAT MAN LIKES—PRESENCE OF MIND—HIS PAST—WITHOUT A WORD—THE BRIDE—SAFE TO SAY—WIRELESS AMATEUR—WHAT THE AMERICAN SAID—FOOL'S MOTTO—WHEN SHE TELEPHONES—WHAT IS A RAILWAY?

These Examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY JANUARY 22.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **550** in the top left-hand corner and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **550**, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C. 2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. **549.**

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